

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December, 14, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 23, 2020

**Subject:** Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) Procurement-2020, Contract 20P226

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Expenditure Policy 3-3, Procurement of Goods and Services

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of contract 20P226 with Lube Tech and Partners, LLC, in the amount of \$507,386 to supply Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) in accordance with Council specifications for a three-year term.

### Background

Metro Transit has 875 diesel powered buses. Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) is a liquid comprised of water and urea that treats engine exhaust before it leaves the vehicle to reduce NOx emissions. Metro Transit Bus Maintenance staff refill the DEF much like other fluids carried onboard including fuel and engine coolant.

DEF used to operate Metro Transit buses is purchased by the Council through a contracted supplier and delivered to Metro Transit garages. The price is based on an estimated delivery of 153,753 gallons annually.

The Invitation for bid (IFB) was advertised on September 29, 2020. There were five (5) suppliers that registered as plan holders for the project. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on October 28, 2020 when four (4) bids were received. The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) did not set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) or Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal for this project as it was for Diesel Exhaust Fluid only. Lube-Tech and Partners, LLC was the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder.

### Rationale

Four (4) bids were received and Lube-Tech and Partners, LLC submitted the low bid with an estimated three-year cost of \$507,386. The remaining 3 bids were competitive, ranging from \$530,449 to \$601,483.04.

The award and execution of this contract, for goods and delivery services, in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

A DEF contract advances Thrive through the lens of promoting regional Livability, Sustainability and Prosperity for everyone, by continuing to serve residents who

depend on transit as well as all residents of the region in an environmentally responsible manner.

**Funding**

Funding is available in the Metro Transit annual operating budget.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.