

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 13, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 22, 2020

Subject: Minneapolis Bus Garage Independent Testing Agency, Contract 18P430

District(s), Member(s): District 7, Robert Lilligren

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

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of Contract 18P430 with Braun Intertec Corporation in the amount of \$918,898.64 for independent testing agency services for construction of the Minneapolis Bus Garage (Heywood Expansion/Electric Bus Infrastructure – Project #62312).

Background

The Minneapolis Bus Garage will provide additional bus storage, operations and support functions, and maintenance space to support continued growth in ridership demand and upcoming service expansion. Metro Transit's existing five bus garages have already exceeded their optimal capacity. By 2032, the fleet is projected to grow by 185 buses, including electric buses, to support a service expansion to connect more people to work, school, healthcare, recreation, and other destinations.

This contract supports construction of the new Minneapolis Bus Garage (Contract 19P000A) by providing Independent Testing Agency services. Examples of testing and inspection services include concrete testing, masonry testing, structural steel inspections, soil and environmental testing, etc. to ensure materials and installation meet specified quality requirements. This contract also includes vibration monitoring of the Bassett Creek stormwater tunnel which runs below the site.

A Request for Proposals was issued on March 18, 2019. There were eight (8) plan holders, and two proposals were received on April 30, 2019. This was a Brooks-Act Procurement, a two-step process. The evaluation panel selected Braun Intertec Corporation as the most technically qualified proposer. Following the evaluation panel's selection, the negotiation panel negotiated a price of \$918,898.64. The negotiation panel agreed that the final negotiated price of \$918,898.64 is fair and reasonable and Braun Intertec Corporation is recommended for award.

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) assigned a 10% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal to this project. OEO determined that Braun Intertec passed the DBE evaluation by meeting the numeric goal.

Rationale

The execution of a professional/technical services contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes **Stewardship and Prosperity** through needed facility expansion to support expanded bus service and transit way investments. The new Minneapolis Bus Garage will provide additional bus storage, operations and support functions, and maintenance space to support continued growth in ridership demand and upcoming service expansion. This project supports **Equity and Livability** by allowing the expansion of the bus fleet to increase Mobility and Access to Opportunities.

Funding

Project funding is authorized and available within project 62312.

Known Support / Opposition

Support of the project has been demonstrated through the award of two competitive grants to contribute to the project funding. These applications included letters of support from the Federal level down to the local level. Multiple local agencies long range plans include expansion of the bus fleet to support long term growth in the region and this facility is needed to meet those plans. There is no known opposition to this project.