

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 11, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2021

Subject: 2020 Bus Passenger Waiting Shelters, Contract 20P061

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Finance Management 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Greater than \$500,000

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Division/Department: Metro Transit Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of contract 20P061 with Brasco International in the amount not to exceed \$523,700.00.

Background

Metro Transit will need additional customer waiting shelters to use in the coming years for placing shelters at high ridership bus stops and to replace shelters that have outlived their useful life or have been seriously damaged. This contract would procure 120 shelters in the first year and allow the option of purchasing shelters at the same quoted unit cost for the following two years to address upcoming shelter replacement needs. Metro Transit staff will assemble and install the shelters.

The solicitation was advertised on October 20, 2020. There were fourteen planholders. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 and received three bids. The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) did not set a Metropolitan Council Underutilized (MCUB) goal for this procurement as there limited subcontracting opportunities and MCUB vendors in this type of work.

Rationale

Three (3) bids were received, ranging from \$523,700.00 to \$1,159,683.00. Brasco International submitted the low bid.

The award and execution of a goods procurement in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This procurement supports Thrive outcome of stewardship by allowing replacement of existing shelters on the street that have outlived their useful life or been seriously damaged. The procurement supports equity by providing shelters for use in the Better Bus Stop program. This procurement also supports livability and choice in transportation by providing a more pleasant waiting experience and protecting customers who use transit from the elements as they wait.

Funding

Local capital funding for bus shelters in project 69704.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.