

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: January 9, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: January 28, 2023

Business Item: 2023-8

Master Contracts for Material Testing/Testing and Inspection Services, Contract 22P185

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering and Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 22P185A with American Engineering Testing, Inc. and Contract 22P185B with Braun Intertec Corporation for material testing/testing and inspection services to support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in the amounts of \$750,000 each, for a total not to exceed a value of \$1,500,000.

Background

The Engineering and Facilities 2023 – 2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes approximately \$275 million for capital improvements, including new construction as well as rehabilitation of aging facilities and systems. In addition, Engineering and Facilities staff work closely with Light Rail and Commuter Rail staff on initiatives within the Rail CIP that are directly related to the work under this category of contracts. An essential element is the availability of skilled engineering and design service firms to perform this work.

A Request for Proposal was issued on August 23, 2022. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquires. There were fourteen plan holders, thirteen consultants, one plan room, and four of the plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. On September 29, 2022, the Council received four proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of award.

In accordance with the Brooks Act, the evaluation of proposals followed a two-step process. The evaluation panel ranked and selected the most technically qualified proposers. Following approval of the evaluation panel findings, conclusions, and recommendation, the costing data of the highest ranked proposers were reviewed by a negotiation panel that negotiated pricing and agreed that the final prices have been determined to be fair and reasonable and recommend the proposals submitted by American Engineering Testing, Inc., and Braun Intertec Corporation as the most

advantageous to the Council. Work orders for specific projects under these master contracts will be awarded on an as-needed basis.

Rationale

The execution of a professional services contract that exceeds \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes Stewardship through needed rehabilitation and replacement of existing Metro Transit assets.

Funding

Funding will be included in future Council authorized capital and operating budgets. Work orders will only be executed after Council budget authority has been approved.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a DBE goal of 10% for this project. OEEO has determined that the recommended proposers have met the Council's DBE contract requirements for this project.

