

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 9, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: October 25, 2023

Business Item: 2023-241

Fuel Supply for Metro Mobility, Contract 23P125

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:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P125 with Sunoco, LLC, to supply and deliver gasoline to contract operators of Metro Mobility transit services in an amount not to exceed \$33,179,794.

Background

Metro Mobility has 665 gasoline powered vehicles in service. The fuel to operate these vehicles is purchased by the Council through a contracted supplier and delivered to the provider-owned fueling stations. The price is based on estimated delivery of 3.8 million gallons annually to Metro Mobility's contractors; Transit Team and First Transit as well as our new Waiver program.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on August 23, 2023. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were nine (9) plan holders, seven (7) prime/suppliers and two (2) plan rooms. No plan holders were identified as woman, minority, small, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on September 27, 2023 and four (4) bids were received. Bids ranged from \$33,179,794.00 to \$34,324,688.03. Sunoco LLC is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for award. Actual expenditures will be determined by the Oil Price Information Service price index for gasoline, which will fluctuate daily over the three-year contract term to reflect petroleum market prices.

Rationale

The execution of a goods and services contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This contact advances the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship, Prosperity, and Livability of our region

through the delivery of a safe, reliable, efficient and equitable public transportation service and responsibly managing expenses allows the Council to continue to offer additional lower costs of service options to our customers.

Funding

Funding is available in the Metro Mobility annual operating budget.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) opportunities in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEO's research and analysis, no MCUB goal was set.

