

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: March 11, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: March 27, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-51

Master Contracts for Metro Transit Architecture and Engineering Design Services, Contract 23P112

**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 award and execute contracts 23P112A – 23P112L for architecture and engineering design services that will support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 as follows:

| Organization                    | Contract Number | Contract Amount |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.  | 23P112A         | \$1,500,000     |
| TKDA                            | 23P112B         | \$1,500,000     |
| HDR Engineering, Inc.           | 23P112C         | \$1,500,000     |
| WSP USA, Inc.                   | 23P112D         | \$1,000,000     |
| Rani Engineering, Inc.          | 23P112E         | \$750,000       |
| SRF Consulting Group, Inc.      | 23P112F         | \$1,250,000     |
| HNTB Corporation                | 23P112G         | \$1,000,000     |
| Kodet Architectural Group, Ltd. | 23P112H         | \$750,000       |
| 4RM+ULA                         | 23P112I         | \$750,000       |
| Bolton & Menk, Inc.             | 23P112J         | \$500,000       |
| LHB, Inc.                       | 23P112K         | \$1,000,000     |
| Toole Design Group              | 23P112L         | \$500,000       |

## Background

The Engineering and Facilities 2024 – 2029 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes approximately \$288 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 July 7, 2023. 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 fifty-four plan holders, fifty-two consultants, one subcontractor, one plan room, and twenty-four of the plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. On August 24, 2023, the Council received twenty-two 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.

The panel recommends the proposals submitted by Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., TKDA, HDR Engineering, Inc., WSP USA, Inc., Rani Engineering, Inc., SRF Consulting Group, Inc., HNTB Corporation, Kodet Architectural Group, Ltd., 4RM+ULA, Bolton & Menk, Inc., LHB, Inc. and Toole Design Group 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 an architecture and engineering 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 15% for this project. OEEO has determined that the recommended proposers have met the Council's DBE contract requirements for this project.

