

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: June 25, 2025

Business Item: 2025-136

Master Contracts for Electronic Technology Based Projects Design Services, Contract 24P277

District(s), Member(s): All

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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 contracts 24P277A – 24P277E for electronic technology based projects design services that will support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
AECOM	24P277A	\$300,000
Alliant Engineering, Inc.	24P277B	\$300,000
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	24P277C	\$300,000
HDR Engineering, Inc.	24P277D	\$300,000
SRF Consulting Group, Inc.	24P277E	\$300,000

Background

The Engineering and Facilities 2025 – 2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes approximately \$300 million for capital improvements, including new construction as well as rehabilitation of aging facilities and systems. An essential element to complete this work is the availability of skilled engineering firms to perform this work.

A Request for Proposal was issued on December 9, 2024. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were twenty-five plan holders, twenty consultants, three subcontractors, two plan rooms, and thirteen of the plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. On January 22, 2025, the Council received six 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 AECOM, Alliant Engineering, Inc., Bolton & Menk, Inc., HDR Engineering, Inc. and SRF Consulting Group, Inc. 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 engineering contract that exceeds \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive Lens, 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 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 14% for this solicitation. OEEO determined that the firms being recommended for award have met the DBE requirements of this contract.

