

Business Item

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: August 22, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: September 13, 2023

Business Item: 2023-185

Engineering Design Services: Hastings Sewer Collection System Modifications, Contract 22P312

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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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 22P312 with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., to provide services for the design of modifications to the Hastings sanitary sewer collection system in an amount not to exceed \$8,713,334.43.

Background

A Facility Plan was adopted by the Council and approved by MPCA for the design and construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant in the City of Hastings, MN. The new treatment plant property is approximately 2.5 miles southeast of the existing treatment plant. Substantial modifications and improvements need to be made to the Hastings collection system to transport the untreated wastewater to the new plant property. A treated water discharge is also needed to transport the treated water from the new plant to the Mississippi River.

The Request for Proposals was issued on January 26, 2023. 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 thirty-one registered plan holders, twenty-six consultants, three subcontractors, two plan rooms, and ten plan holders identified as minority, woman, veteran, small, or disadvantaged business enterprises. The Council received six proposals on March 8, 2023, to be evaluated for the consideration of award.

In accordance with the Brooks Act, the evaluation of proposals followed a two-step process. An evaluation panel of Council staff and external stakeholders ranked and selected the most technically qualified proposer. Following approval of the evaluation panel findings, conclusions, and recommendations, the cost proposal of the highest ranked proposer was reviewed by a negotiation panel that negotiated pricing and agreed that the final prices have been determined to be fair and reasonable and a consensus was reached that the proposal submitted by Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., as the most advantageous to the Council.

Rationale

The execution of architecture and engineering contracts exceeding \$500,000 require Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive Outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability. Public financial resources will be responsibly invested to support orderly economic development while maintaining the regional wastewater system assets, which protect the region's natural resources.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2023 Authorized Capital Program. This project will be PFA funded through the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund by MPCA.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of twelve percent (12%). OEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the DBE requirements of this contract.

