

# Business Item

Environment Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** February 28, 2023

**For the Metropolitan Council:** March 8, 2023

## Business Item: 2023-2

Metro Plant Fourth Incinerator System Supplier Services Request for Proposal, Contract 21P055A

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 13, Council Member Chai Lee
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy, FM 14-1a Procurement Procedure, and Minnesota Statutes § 471.371
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Environmental Services / Treatment Services / Plant Engineering

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract 21P055A (Metro Plant Fourth Incinerator System Supplier Services) with Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00.

### Background

Metro Plant Solids Management Improvements Facility Plan, which was adopted by the Council on October 10, 2018, recommends adding a fourth incinerator at the Metro Plant, followed by renewal of the existing three incinerators to preserve existing wastewater treatment plant infrastructure and to serve regional population growth through the year 2050. The Metro Plant Fourth Incinerator Project will be constructed using fixed-price Design-Build delivery, where the Design-Builder retains responsibility for the process performance guarantee to ensure the system meets emissions limits.

The procurement approach for the fourth incinerator project includes three steps.

1. Incinerator System Supplier (ISS) Request for Proposal (RFP)
  - A single ISS will be selected based on best value to the Council.
  - The Council will contract with the selected ISS to provide Design-Build proposal support.
  - The ISS's scope and price for the incineration equipment will be included in the Design-Build RFP.
2. Design-Build Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
  - The Council will shortlist the three most qualified Design-Build teams.
3. Design-Build RFP
  - Shortlisted Design-Build teams will be invited to submit fixed-price Design-Build proposals.
  - A single Design-Build team will be selected based on best value to the Council.

This ISS RFP is the first step in the procurement approach and will provide the following services:

- Provide consultation to the Council before issuance of the Design-Build RFP.
- Provide Design-Build proposal support for up to three short-listed Design-Build teams in a fair and equitable manner.
- Enter into a subcontract with the selected Design-Builder regardless of which shortlisted team is selected.

The ISS RFP was issued July 6, 2022. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff on July 27, 2022, that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquires.

On October 27, 2022, the Council received three proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of award.

The evaluation panel consisted of five Council staff, one financial advisor, and two technical advisors. The criteria used to evaluate the proposals were: the quality of the proposal, the qualifications of the proposer, the experience of the proposer, and price of the proposal. The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposal submitted for the incinerator system by Veolia Water Technologies and Solutions provides the best overall value to the Council.

### **Rationale**

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

### **Thrive Lens Analysis**

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship by efficiently and effectively preserving our regional wastewater treatment plant assets.

### **Funding**

Funding is provided in the authorized capital program.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) has not yet set a goal on this three-step procurement. OEEO will review the Metro Plant Fourth Incinerator project for a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business goal prior to the issuance of the Design-Build RFP.

