T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 14, 2008

For Metropolitan Council: July 23, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	June 24, 2008
Subject:	Contract Award for Drain Cleaning and Disposal Services
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Procurement Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Root-O-Matic for drain and sump cleaning and disposal services at Metro Transit facilities.

Background

All Metro Transit maintenance facilities require periodic drain and sump cleaning services. The service consists of regularly scheduled cleaning of sumps and drains, as well as cleaning on an as-needed basis, together with the proper disposal of the waste collected. Existing services have been provided through a three year contract that is due to expire on August 1, 2008. The existing contract was valued at $387,000.

The Council received three bids on June 18, 2008, in response to our call for proposals. The bids ranged in value from $361,500 to $498,860. The low bid of $361,500 submitted by Root-O-Matic compares favorably with the estimate of $450,000, and is less than the value of the expiring contract.

Rationale

Drain and sump cleaning services, along with proper waste disposal is an essential maintenance function. The existing services provided under a three year contract, are coming to an end in August 2008. The low bid of $361,500, for another three year period, was obtained competitively and compares favorably with the estimate.

Funding

Funds are available within the Engineering and Facilities operating budget. A DBE goal was not established for this procurement as federal funding is not being used.

Known Support / Opposition

None anticipated.