

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: April 12, 2010
Council Meeting: April 14, 2010

| ADVISORY INFORMATION | |
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| Date: | April 6, 2010 |
| Subject: | Rejection of Bid on 09P045B – MTS Camera System Installation |
| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Acceptance or Rejection of Procurements Over \$250,000 |
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reject the bid on 09P045B – MTS Camera System Installation solicitation from ColliSys in the amount of \$3,783,407.00.

Background

A formal solicitation was originally released on February 4, 2010 for the Camera Installation of the Verint Camera System for MTS vehicles. Bids were due on February 26, 2010 with no bids being received. A poll was taken of the plan holders as to why they did not bid with feedback ranging in explanations. The staff felt that the scope could have been less restrictive. The scope was then modified and the project was resolicited. The second solicitation was issued on March 10, 2010 with bids due on April 1, 2010. Only one bid was received in the amount of \$3.7 million dollars. The project was budgeted for \$600,000. The estimate was based on Metro Transit's experience with installation of the same equipment on fixed route buses. The vendor was called to clarify his pricing and the vendor stated that the pricing was correct.

Rationale

After the bid was opened and the project manager contacted, staff determined that the bid was far outside the budgeted amount.

Staff will consider its options and will re-approach the Committee and the Council as warranted.

Funding

If the bid is not rejected there will be a significant negative financial impact. If the bid is rejected there would be no impact at this time.

Known Support / Opposition

MTS management supports this decision as does the Contracts and Procurement Unit.