

**T** Transportation Committee  
Meeting date: January 10, 2011  
Metropolitan Council Meeting: January 12, 2011

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** December 6, 2010  
**Subject:** Construction Contract for FTHeywood Computer Room Upgrade  
**District(s), Member(s):** District 7, Annette Meeks, 612-341-8168  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statues 473.405 subd.4  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian Lamb, General Manager, MT, 612/349-7510  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities

**Proposed Action**

Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Rochon Corporation, for construction work on the FTHeywood (FTH) Computer Room Upgrade at the FTH Office building in Minneapolis at a cost of \$1,138,000.

**Background**

A Power Supply Assessment and Recommendations was prepared for the FTH Computer Room in February 2008, after a late November 2007 power system failure that resulted in staff and system downtime to the transit data network system, including the fare collection. The recommendations made in the report have been implemented into the design to upgrade the computer room and to reduce the risk of future network downtime.

On November 23, 2010, four bids were received and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$1,012,000 to \$1,214,212. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$1,110,000. A 15% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to this project. Rochon Corporation has committed 23% of the work to be directed to DBE companies. The Office of Diversity of Equal Opportunity (ODEO) has approved the commitment and good faith effort from Rochon Corporation.

Staff has determined the second low bid of \$1,138,000, submitted by Rochon Corporation, fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Council. The low bid of \$1,012,000 from Lund Martin Construction, Inc. was withdrawn due to a mathematical error used to calculate their total bid price.

**Rationale**

Execution of this work improves Data Center reliability with redundant, energy efficient mechanical and electrical systems. The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council Approval.

**Funding**

Sufficient funding from federal and local sources is available in Project 62111 to award the construction contract as well as provide 5% contingency in the event of changes required during construction.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.