

M Management Committee

Meeting date: October 10, 2007

Metropolitan Council Meeting: October 24, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 4, 2007
Subject:	Authorization to Award Bio-Gas System Equipment for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Facility
District(s), Member(s):	District 16: Brian McDaniel
Policy/Legal Reference:	Policy 3-3, Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bill Cook, Engineering Planning Manager Rich Halsted, Procurement Manager
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore, 651-602-1162

Proposed Action/Motion

The Metropolitan Council finds the bid submitted by Northwestern Power Equipment Company to be non-responsive and the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to reject the bid from Northwestern Power Equipment Company and to award and execute a purchase order with Vessco Inc. for the supply of the Bio-Gas System Equipment for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Issue(s)

- Equipment purchases over \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization
- The Northwestern Power Equipment Company bid was non-responsive because it was incomplete.

Overview and Funding

This procurement will provide replacement equipment at the Empire Wastewater Treatment Facility – Solids Complex. The equipment includes pressure relief valves with flame arresters, emergency access covers, flame trap assemblies, explosion relief valves for five digesters and a waste gas burner for the entire complex.

The Northwestern Power Equipment Company bid was incomplete as they did not include a bid for the waste gas burner, which has a value approximately equal to the total of the remaining items. Because the bid was incomplete, a technical evaluation of the bid has not been completed and that bid may also be deemed non-responsive based on technical merits.

The bids were received and opened on August 31, 2007. The engineer’s estimate was \$206,942.

The lowest responsive responsible bid received was submitted by Vessco Inc. in the amount of \$270,185.

Funding is provided in the MCES Annual Operation and Maintenance budget.