Committee Report

Environment Committee

Item: 2008 - 367

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 14, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: December 11, 2008

Subject: Authorization to Amend Engineering Service Agreement for Interceptor System

Standby Power Improvements, MCES Project Number 803500, Contract No.

04P005

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the engineering services contract with Sebesta Blomberg, Contract No. 04P005 increasing the total contract amount from \$476,300 to \$500,180.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

CM Bowles asked about previous amendments and changes since the last amendment. Staff explained that previous amendments addressed different scope changes. This project amendment is needed because the project schedule was extended, and the original scope did not include certain tasks under the assumption that Council staff would perform them.

Environment Committee

Meeting date: December 9, 2008

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 14, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: December 4, 2008

Subject: Authorization to Amend Engineering Service Agreement for

Interceptor System Standby Power Improvements, MCES Project

Number 803500, Contract No. 04P005

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures **Staff Prepared/Presented:** Bryce Pickart 651-602-1091

Division/Department: MCES c/o William G. Moore 602-1162

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the engineering services contract with Sebesta Blomberg, Contract No. 04P005 increasing the total contract amount from \$476,300 to \$500,180.

Background

The Interceptor System Standby Power Improvements will increase system reliability in the event of an extended power outage at 29 lift stations throughout the Metropolitan Interceptor System. The engineering services contract was executed in 2004, with construction scheduled for 2005-2007. Due to circumstances beyond the engineer's control, the project schedule was extended by one year, which increased their costs. There also was a need to increase the contract scope to address concerns and requirements of the local governing bodies, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Hennepin County, watershed districts, and homeowners associations. The original scope expressly omitted these tasks, i.e. assumed Metropolitan Council Environmental Services staff would perform these tasks.

Rationale

Engineering Services contract amendments require Council authorization when they exceed the original contract amount by more than 10%. This contract has previously been amended by 10%.

Funding

BUDGET INFORMATION					
Annual or		Estimated		Unencumbered	Requested
Capital	Project No.	Project Cost	Current Auth.	Funds	Amount
Capital	803500	\$9,000,000	\$9,600,000	\$850,000	\$23,880

Known Support / Opposition

None