

E Environment Committee

Item: 2009-279

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 26, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: August 13, 2009

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of the Lake Elmo East Sanitary Sewer Connection – Phase II, Project 806330, Contract 09P067

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Lake Elmo East Sanitary Sewer Connection - Phase II, Project 806330, Contract 09P067, with Rice Lake Construction for their low bid of \$1,591,072.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

In response to questions regarding both the original contract and this contract, staff explained as follows:

- The Council paid a substantial amount of money under the first contract for work completed and costs incurred due to differing soil conditions, and there were deducts for work that was not completed.
- Work in this contract was part of the original contract, but it was not possible to complete it due to the conditions encountered without significant changes to the design. The new design specifies construction means and methods that address the soil conditions and reduce construction risks.

Motion to approve proposed action was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

E Environment Committee
Meeting date: August 11, 2009

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 12, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	August 5, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of the Lake Elmo East Sanitary Sewer Connection – Phase II, Project 806330, Contract 09P067
District(s), Member(s):	District 12, Sherry Broecker
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bill Cook 651-602-1811; Bryce Pickart 651-602-1091
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore 651-602-1162

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Background

On 1/31/05, the Council agreed to provide the City of Lake Elmo additional regional wastewater conveyance capacity at two locations on the Lake Elmo/Woodbury border as part of negotiating Lake Elmo’s comprehensive plan. The intent of Phase I of this project (Project Number 806300) was to provide the eastern most connection in the vicinity of the intersection of Cottage Grove Drive and Interstate I-94. Tunneling difficulties prevented installation of a portion of the interceptor beneath Interstate I94 and the construction contract was terminated for convenience. The purpose of Phase II of this project is to complete installation of the interceptor from beneath the west bound lanes of I94 to the meter structure installed just north of I94 under Phase I.

Five bids, ranging from \$1,591,072 to \$1,988,815, were received and opened on August 5, 2009. The low bid was 20 percent lower than the engineer’s estimate of \$1,985,275. There were no goals for minority business or women-owned business participation for this contract.

Rationale

Construction contracts exceeding \$1,000,000 require Council authorization.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2009 MCES Capital Budget, Project Number 806330.

BUDGET INFORMATION					
Annual or Capital	Year Project Approved	Estimated Project Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Amount Requested
Capital	2009	\$2,400,000	\$1,886,307	\$1,875,873	\$1,591,072

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.