#### **Committee Report**

Environment Committee

Item: 2010-427

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 12, 2011

#### ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: December 21, 2010

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for South St. Paul Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project No. 802714, Contract No. 07P58C

## **Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the South St. Paul Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project Number 802714, Contract No. 07P58C, with Lametti & Sons, Inc. for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$5,784,700.

## Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

There was discussion about how the disadvantaged and women's business goals are set. A study about a year ago developed these revised PFA goals. The committee asked what constitutes a 'good faith effort'. Staff responded that firms are notified that work is available and bids are solicited from potential subcontractors. The Office of Diversity verifies that the low bidder has made efforts to obtain participation from MBE and WBE firms.

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

Business Item Item: 2010 - 427

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Environment Committee

Meeting date: December 14, 2010 For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 12, 2011

| Date:                     | November 23, 2010                                       |  |  |  |
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| Subject:                  | Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction       |  |  |  |
|                           | Contract for South St. Paul Forcemain Improvements,     |  |  |  |
|                           | MCES Project No. 802714, Contract No. 07P58C            |  |  |  |
| District(s), Member(s):   | District #13, Rick Aguilar; District #15, Daniel Wolter |  |  |  |
| Policy/Legal Reference:   | Policy 3-3, Expenditures                                |  |  |  |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: | Bill Moeller 651-602-4504                               |  |  |  |
| Division/Department:      | MCES c/o William G. Moore 651-602-1162                  |  |  |  |

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#### Background

This contract involves the installation of 7,700 lineal feet of dual 30-inch diameter forcemain along the Pigs Eye Peninsula located just south of the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) in St. Paul. The work will involve clearing & grubbing, conventional trenched pipe installation, subaqueous trenched pipe installation for the MWWTP effluent channel, a hot tap, and wetland restoration. The existing South St. Paul Forcemain conveys flow from South St. Paul lift station L-65, north to the MWWTP located in St Paul. The forcemain, originally constructed in 1973, is in poor condition. This contract will be the third of four contracts to ultimately replace the existing forcemain to the MWWTP.

Seven bids ranging from \$5,784,700 to \$10,555,457 were received and opened on November 17, 2010. The engineer's estimate is \$13,188,700. Lametti & Sons, Inc. is the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

The project is funded by PFA loan, and has disadvantaged business participation goals of 5% Minority Business Enterprise and 10% Women's Business Enterprise. Lametti & Sons has proposed participation of 6.1% Minority Business Enterprise and 0.81% Women's Business Enterprise. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity has found that Lametti & Sons, Inc. has made a good faith effort to achieve the participation goals for this contract.

## Rationale

Construction contract awards exceeding \$1,000,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

## Funding

Funding is provided in the 2010 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

| Annual or | Project No. | Estimated    | Current       | Unencumbered | Requested   |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Capital   |             | Project Cost | Authorization | Funds        | Amount      |
| Capital   | 802714      | \$6,500,000  | \$6,500,000   | \$6,370,000  | \$5,784,700 |

# Known Support/Opposition

No known opposition.