

E Environment Committee

Item: 2011-248

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 28, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: September 14, 2011

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of Hopkins System Improvements – Phase 1, Contract A, MCES Project Number 804120, Contract No. 10P267

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Hopkins System Improvements – Phase 1, Contract A, MCES Project Number 804120, Contract No. 10P267, with S.J. Louis Construction, Inc. for their low bid of \$7,872,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

There was discussion about disadvantaged business goals relative to participation by women-owned business enterprises. Information was requested on barriers and outreach efforts. Council Member Melander commented that the Council's Office of Diversity does a tremendous amount of outreach. This type of work is specialized and there isn't much opportunity for WBEs.

Council Members expressed interest in the process used to meet DBE goals. Staff will schedule a presentation by the Office of Diversity at a future Environment Committee meeting.

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



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Business Item: 2011-248

Meeting date: September 13, 2011

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District(s), Member(s):	District 03, Jennifer Munt; District 06, James Brimeyer
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bill Moeller 651-602-4504
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Background

The work includes construction of a replacement force main located generally between Dean Parkway and East Calhoun Parkway in the City of Minneapolis. It will consist of 3,200 feet of new 18- and 24-inch force main pipe, a 90-foot wide waterway crossing and construction of four maintenance structures.

A formal Invitation for Bids (IFB) was advertised and issued for the construction contract. Five bids were received on August 24, 2011, ranging from \$7,872,000 to \$9,693,178. S.J. Louis Construction submitted the lowest responsive, responsible bid in the amount of \$7,872,000. The engineer's estimate is \$9,929,998.

This project is funded by a loan from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA), which requires disadvantaged business participation goals of 5% Minority and 10% Women Business Enterprise (MBE and WBE). S.J. Louis Construction, Inc. proposes 1.5% WBE and 6.1% MBE participation. The Council's Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity reviewed and documented the contractor's good faith effort to meet the WBE and MBE goals.

Rationale

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

Funding

BUDGET INFORMATION					
Annual or Capital	Project No.	Estimated Project Cost	Current Auth.	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	804120	\$12,100,000	\$15,000,000	\$12,200,000	\$7,872,000

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.