



# Environment Committee

**Meeting date:** July 24, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 8, 2007

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** July 19, 2007

**Subject:** Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of Blue Lake WWTP Bio-P Improvements, MCES Project No. 801820

**District(s), Member(s):** 1, Roger Scherer; 3, Mary Hill Smith; 4, Brian Lundquist

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Bryce Pickart, 651-602-1091

**Division/Department:** MCES c/o William G. Moore, 651-602-1162

### Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Madsen-Johnson Corp. for their lowest responsive, responsible bid of \$7,138,600, for the Blue Lake WWTP Bio-P Improvements, MCES Project No. 801820.

### Issue(s)

- Construction contracts exceeding \$1,000,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.
- Because PFA loans are being used to finance these improvements, 3.5% minority-owned business and 11.5% women-owned business participation goals must be met or good faith efforts demonstrated.

### Overview and Funding

This contract will construct modifications to the eight biological treatment aeration tanks to operate reliably to meet the 1 mg/l NPDES Permit limit for phosphorus, while continuing to remove organics and ammonia nitrogen. The contract also includes a new 170 ft. high sludge dryer exhaust stack to disperse the odorous gases.

Sealed bids were received and opened on July 11, 2007. Five bids were received, ranging from \$7,138,600 to \$9,718,000, compared to the engineer's estimate of \$8,628,000. The three lowest bidders were requested to submit documentation of their good faith efforts to achieve the minority-owned and women-owned business (MBE/WBE) participation goals. These three bidders proposed 0% MBE and 0.6%, 0%, and 0.8% WBE participation. The Office of Diversity has determined that Madsen-Johnson Corp. has made good faith efforts to meet the MBE/WBE goals.

This contract has limited subcontracting opportunities for MBE/WBE participation, because the field installation work is mainly piping and air diffuser work in the aeration tanks, plus installation of the dryer stack. Future contracts will have more sub-contracting opportunities.

## BUDGET INFORMATION

Annual or Capital	Year Project Approved	Estimated Project Cost	Current Auth.	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	2007	\$8,000,000	\$9,500,000	\$9,200,000	\$7,138,600