

# E Environment Committee

SW Item: 2007 – 362

Meeting date: October 23, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of October 24, 2007

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** October 15, 2007  
**Subject:** Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Blue Lake WWTP Site Preparation, MCES Project No. 801825  
**District(s), Member(s):** 1, Roger Scherer; 3, Mary Hill Smith  
**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 authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Veit Companies, Inc. for their lowest responsive, responsible bid of \$2,784,895 for the Blue Lake WWTP Site Preparation project, MCES Project No. 801825.

## Issue(s)

- Construction contract awards exceeding \$1,000,000 require authorization by the Metropolitan Council.
- This project will receive PFA loan funding and has 3.5% minority-owned and 11.5% women-owned business participation goals.

## Overview and Funding

The Blue Lake WWTP Site Preparation project scope includes: mass excavation for new process units; expansion of the flood control levee to surround the new units; upgrades for regulatory certification of existing levees; extension and improvements to storm water control systems; improvements to groundwater control systems, and other construction staging preparations for construction of the Blue Lake WWTP Liquids Phase 1 and 2, and Blue Lake Solids Improvements projects that will be bid between 2008 and 2010.

Six sealed bids were received on September 26, 2007. The apparent lowest responsive, responsible bid was submitted by Veit Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$2,784,895. The Engineer's estimate was \$5,907,460. Veit Companies Inc. has successfully completed several construction projects for MCES. Proposed minority-owned and women-owned business participation are 3.58% and 11.0%, respectively. The Office of Diversity has determined that the contractor has made good faith efforts to achieve the WBE goal of 11.5%.

## BUDGET INFORMATION

Annual or Capital	Year Project Approved	Estimated Project Cost	Current Auth.	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	2007	\$3,500,000	\$7,000,000	\$6,500,000	\$2,784,895