



Environment Committee

Meeting date: March 24, 2009

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of April 8, 2009

Business Item

Item: 2009 – 114

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	March 18, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Engineering Services Agreement for Electrical and HVAC Engineering Services
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Policy 3-3, Expenditures
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an engineering services agreement for electrical and HVAC engineering services with Sebesta Blomberg for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Background

A Request for Proposal for engineering services was issued with three categories of services and associated examples of work. The stated intent was to award three engineering services contracts, covering three areas of expertise: 1) general wastewater treatment plant engineering; 2) specialized process engineering; and 3) electrical and HVAC engineering.

Fourteen proposals were received. The evaluation panel ranked each firm for each category under which they submitted a proposal and developed a short list of firms by category for further evaluation. These firms are:

1. General Engineering: Howard R. Green
TKDA
Brown & Caldwell
2. Process Engineering: Brown & Caldwell
Black & Veatch
3. Electrical & HVAC: Sebesta Blomberg
TKDA

Sebesta Blomberg is recommended in the category of electrical and HVAC engineering based on proposed local staff assignments and excellent previous MCES work experience.

Rationale

- Professional services contracts exceeding \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.
- It is prudent to have available contracted engineering services for wastewater treatment plant planning and design needs to ensure timeliness on small projects and to address needs that do not have a well-defined scope.

Funding

Funding is provided in the MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

None.