

**E Environment Committee
Meeting date: May 11, 2010**

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 26, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	May 3, 2010
Subject:	Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of the 1-RF-491 Relief Interceptor, Project 805450, Contract 09P066
District(s), Member(s):	District 5, Polly Bowles
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bill Cook 651-602-1181; Bryce Pickart 651-602-1091
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore 651-602-1162

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contact for construction of the 1-RF-491 Relief Interceptor, Project 805450, Contract 09P066, with S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. for their low bid of \$17,543,145.57.

Background

The capacity of interceptor 1-RF-491 serving portions of Edina and Richfield will be exceeded in the future primarily due to a higher density redevelopment trend along the I-494 corridor. A relief gravity interceptor to provide additional capacity is proposed for construction. The project includes approximately 20,000 feet of 36-inch and 42-inch diameter gravity interceptor sewer from meter M129 at Xerxes Avenue, along 75th Street to I-35W, cross I-35W at 76th Street, east along 76th Street, north along 11th Avenue, and northeast along Diagonal Boulevard to Cedar Avenue where it will terminate at a new junction box connection at interceptor 3-BN-497. In accordance with Cooperation Agreement 09I004 between the Metropolitan Council and City of Richfield dated February 24, 2009, and amended as approved by the Environment Committee on January 12, 2010, existing road surfaces, curbs, gutters and other surface improvements in the City right of way along the alignment will be completely removed and replaced with a new streetscape. The streetscape will narrow 76th Street and add bike lanes, sidewalks, boulevards, and a Three River Parks regional trail at various locations along the alignment.

Eight bids, ranging from \$17,543,145.57 to \$24,584,190.24 were received and opened on April 29, 2010. The low bid was 12 percent lower than the engineer's estimate of \$19,917,422.40.

Rationale

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

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2010 MCES Capital Program, Project Number 805450.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Annual or Capital	Project No.	Estimated Project Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Amount Requested
Capital	805450	\$20,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$24,700,000	\$17,543,145

Known Support / Opposition

The City and majority of residents and businesses have been very supportive of the project to date because of the plan to provide streetscaping.