

**E Environment Committee
Meeting date: October 12, 2010**

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 27, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

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| Date: | October 4, 2010 |
| Subject: | Authorization for Sole Source Procurement of Parts and Services from AndritzBird, Inc., for Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant |
| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures |
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Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to purchase the necessary parts and services from AndritzBird, Inc. for the routine maintenance and repair of five 'Humboldt Wedag' centrifuges in service at the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 over a five-year period.

Background

This sole source is required to maintain existing capital equipment. The five centrifuges include three used for sludge dewatering and two used for solids thickening. This capital equipment was furnished under previously approved Council capital projects which were subject to competitive procurement procedures. The required parts are all OEM parts, designed and manufactured by AndritzBird for use on their 'Humboldt Wedag' centrifuges. The parts are proprietary and AndritzBird is the only available supplier; no aftermarket supplier has been identified.

Rationale

The five dewatering and thickening centrifuges are the only means available to dewater sludge and thicken solids at the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant. As such, they are critical assets in the Plant's treatment process. This sole source will provide the required parts and services to perform necessary predictive, preventive, and corrective maintenance on these assets, and to help meet the reliability, capacity, cost, and quality goals (including permit requirements) of the Environmental Services Division.

Funding

Funds are budgeted on an annual basis as part of the Seneca Plant's Operating and Maintenance budget.

Known Support / Opposition

This item is supported by ES General Manager and Director of Maintenance & Security. There is no known opposition to this sole source.