



Environment Committee

Meeting date: November 9, 2010

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of December 8, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 2, 2010
Subject:	Authorization to Reject All Bids for Construction of East Final Settling Tanks Sludge Collection System Improvements, MCES Project No. 805920, Contract No. 09P207A
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 reject all bids for construction of the East Final Settling Tanks Sludge Collection System Improvements, MCES Project No. 805920, Contract No. 09P207A.

Background

The Metro Plant has 24 rectangular Final Settling Tanks which use a system of electric motors, sprockets, and wooden scraper boards attached to rotating chains to scrape settled sludge and to float scum to areas where it is collected and removed. The underwater components of the 12 West Final Tanks were all replaced with plastic and fiberglass components by 2005. The 12 East Final Tanks still utilize metal chains and wood scrapers that have reached the end of their useful life. Based on the successful performance of non-metallic components in the West Final Tanks, coupled with the objective of standardizing replacement parts, the new sludge collection system for the 12 East Final Tanks was designed with plastic chains and fiberglass scrapers.

Six bids were received on October 12, 2010. Bids ranged from \$2,493,000 to \$2,813,745. This contract has women-owned business and minority-owned business participation goals of 10.0% and 5.0%, respectively.

More than 50% of the contract value is the equipment cost. The remainder of the contract involves removal of existing equipment and installation of the new equipment. Only one of the bidders (the fourth lowest bidder) included any significant WBE/MBE participation, which is based on subcontracting part of the equipment installation and self-performing the remainder. The other bidders took the position that there were no subcontracting opportunities. Under these circumstances, it seems most prudent to reject all bids.

Rationale

Construction contracts exceeding \$1,000,000 in value require Metropolitan Council authorization to reject all bids.

Funding

None required at this time.

Known Support / Opposition

None.