

E Environment Committee
Meeting date: July 10, 2012

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 25, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	July 2, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Engineering Services Agreements for General Treatment Plant Projects; Contract No. 12P057
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
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Proposed Action

The Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute engineering services agreements for Wastewater Treatment Plants with HR Green and SEH in the amounts not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 each.

Background

The MCES 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program includes approximately \$269 million (36% of the total) for wastewater treatment plant capital improvements, for replacement and renewal of aging infrastructure.

Projects expected to be supported by these engineering services agreements will be time critical improvements required to support continued renewal of the treatment plant facilities. Many projects have project specific engineering service agreements in place. These are typically used on longer term more complicated engineering projects. The proposed contracts have been structured as master contracts to allow MCES to define smaller, more time critical work assignments, obtain proposals, issue work assignments and complete the projects. Terms for each contract shall be for four years. Contracts shall comply with the PFA requirements including goals of 10% WBE and 5% MBE participation.

Requests for Proposal for the two engineering services contracts were issued on 4/25/2012. Seven proposals were received on 5/24/2012. Evaluation criteria were 1) Quality of Proposal, 2) Proposer Qualifications, 3) Proposer Experience, and 4) price, ie salary rates and indirect cost rate. The two firms recommended as being the best value to the Council are HR Green and SEH. Both firms have large, local, multi-disciplined staffs that have experience in working on projects similar to those anticipated for these contracts. Both firms have successfully provided these services to the MCES in the past.

Rationale

Professional services agreements exceeding \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Funding for this project is included in the 2012 MCES Authorized Capital Program..

Known Support / Opposition

None.