

E Environment Committee
Meeting date: July 24, 2012

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 8, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	July 17, 2012
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Two Contracts for Geotechnical and Other Testing Services; Contract Nos. 12P059A & B
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute two 5-year master contracts for geotechnical and other testing services with AET and Braun Intertec in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 each.

Background

MCES utilizes professional/technical services on its capital improvement projects during the planning, design, and construction phases in several areas of expertise, including geotechnical investigations (soil borings, soil testing, and analysis), construction compliance testing (soil, concrete, asphalt, masonry, steel, piling), environmental assessments and investigations, hydrogeological evaluations, and material testing services.

A Request for Proposals for was issued on May 3, 2012. Five (5) proposals were received on May 31, 2012. Evaluation criteria were (1) Service Delivery Plan; (2) Proposer Qualifications; (3) Quality of the Proposal, and (4) Price, i.e. salary rates and testing rates. The two firms recommended as being the best value to the Council are AET and Braun Intertec. 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 under similar circumstances.

These master contracts are cost reimbursement type contracts and utilize project specific work orders to authorize work. Two master contracts are recommended to provide flexibility in scheduling work and to take advantage of each firm's special knowledge and/or capabilities.

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.