

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 10, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: August 12, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	August 3, 2009
Subject:	Construction of Storage Tank Additions at Overhaul Base and South Garages, Project 62710
District(s), Member(s)	District 5, Polly Bowles, 952-922-8426 District 14, Kirstin Sersland Beach, 651-224-8334
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statues 473.405 subd.4
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Morcon Construction, for the construction of Storage Tank Additions at the Overhaul Base in St. Paul and the South Garage in Richfield at a cost of \$1,296,070.50

Background

This construction project replaces underground storage tanks with above ground storage at two Metro Transit facilities. The tanks store diesel fuel, motor oil, antifreeze fluid and transmission fluid and are included in our multi year plan to replace deteriorating underground storage. The tanks in these facilities are deteriorating and prone to leakage. We have advised the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) of our intent to replace these tanks and other similar facilities to minimize potentially adverse impacts to the environment.

On July 1, 2009, thirteen bids were received and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$1,285,204 to \$1,635,030. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$2,408,000. A 15% DBE goal was assigned to this project. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) rejected the lowest bid due to a failure to meet the DBE goal and provide evidence of good faith efforts in an attempt to meet the goal. The second low bidder, Morcon Construction, submitted a bid of \$1,296,070.50, and committed 6% of the work to be directed to DBE companies.

Rationale

Authorization to award and execute a contract for the construction of these tanks improves the Council's ability to minimize potential environmental impacts. The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Sufficient funding from federal and local sources is available in Project 62710 to award the construction contract as well as provide 5% contingency in the event of changes required during construction.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the project.