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Meeting date: September 27, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting: October 13, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 27, 2010
Subject:	Rejection of Bids, F. T. Heywood Computer Room Upgrade
District(s), Member(s)	District 7, Annette Meeks, 612-341-8168
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3.4.3 Procurement
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reject all bids for the construction of the F. T. Heywood (FTH) office Computer Room Upgrade.

Background

This proposed contract included the remodeling of approximately 3,000 square feet of space within the existing FTH office computer center and mechanical and electrical improvements to increase system reliability and efficiency. The work was to be performed in phases such that the computer room would remain operational throughout construction.

On August 3, 2010, eight bids were received and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$1,290,000 to \$1,525,700. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$981,000.

Rationale

Bids came in higher than both the estimate and the amount budgeted for the project. Staff is reviewing the scope and budget, and plans to reissue an adjusted scope for subsequent bidding.

The rejection of bids of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding from federal and local sources is available in the amount budgeted, but not to award a contract in the amount of the low bid.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the upgrade of the FTH Computer Room.