

W Committee of the Whole

Meeting date: May 16, 2007

Metropolitan Council Meeting May 23, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: May 14, 2007

Subject: Authorization to approve a professional service contract for Environmental Services, Project 65701 Central Corridor LRT

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Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement of Professional Services

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / CCPO

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a professional services contract with HDR for Environmental Services to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project in an amount not to exceed \$3.2 million.

Issue(s)

- The Metropolitan Council is required to approve professional service contracts in excess of \$250,000.

Overview and Funding

The Environmental Services consultant will assist the Council in preparing an FEIS for the CCLRT. This work will be a continuation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement completed in April 2006.

The Environmental Services contract will include professional services required to complete the FEIS and secure a Record of Decision from the FTA by a target date of October 2008 as part of the Preliminary Engineering phase of the project.

Three firms responded to the Council's request for proposals. An Evaluation Panel representing project partners evaluated the proposals and ranked the firms in accordance with established Council procedures for FTA funded projects. HDR's proposal was ranked the highest and deemed the most advantageous to the Council.

HDR's cost proposal is \$3.1 million, which is below staff's independent cost estimate.

Funding in the amount of \$20.8 million from FTA and State Bonds is available for this contract as part of the Preliminary Engineering phase of the project.

HDR's proposal has a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation rate of 17 percent, which meets the 17 percent goal established by the Office of Diversity.