



Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 22, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: August 15, 2007

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Seneca Plant Improvements, MCES Project No. 801900

Summary of Committee Discussion:

The Office of Diversity is reviewing MBE/WBE documentation submitted by Madsen-Johnson to determine whether a good faith effort was made to achieve the participation goals. Staff will update the Council at its August 22nd meeting. The Committee asked about the proposed MBE/WBE participation of the other bidders. Staff responded that none of the bidders met the participation goals, and that Madsen-Johnson had the highest participation of the four bidders.

The Committee expressed concern about the affect future major construction projects (bridge, stadium) will have on our ability to meeting MBE/WBE goals on future jobs. Staff responded that some of our work, such as this Seneca Plant project, is different than the region's other major infrastructure projects. However, there are some concerns and staff will work the Office of Diversity to reach out to MBE/WBE firms.

Recommendation:

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Seneca Plant Improvements, MCES Project No. 801900, with Madsen-Johnson for their lowest responsive, responsible bid of \$15,078,600.

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Item: 2007 – 273

Meeting date: August 14, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of August 22, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: August 8, 2007
Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Seneca Plant Improvements, MCES Project No. 801900
District(s), Member(s): 5, Russ Susag; 15, Daniel Wolter; 16, Brian McDaniel
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures
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Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Seneca Plant Improvements, MCES Project No. 801900, with Madsen-Johnson for their lowest responsive, responsible bid of \$15,078,600.

Issue(s)

- Construction contract awards exceeding \$1,000,000 require authorization by the Metropolitan Council.
- This project will receive PFA loan funding and has 3.5% minority-owned and 11.5% women-owned business participation goals.

Overview and Funding

The Seneca Plant Improvements project will modify the aeration tanks to efficiently and effectively remove phosphorus to meet a 1 mg/l effluent permit limit, convert the gaseous disinfection system to a liquid chemical system to improve safety and security, and rehabilitate equipment and facilities throughout the plant.

Four sealed bids were received on August 8, 2007. The apparent lowest responsive, responsible bid was submitted by Madsen-Johnson in the amount of \$15,078,600. The engineer's estimate was \$17,979,400. Madsen-Johnson has successfully completed several construction projects for MCES. Proposed minority-owned and women-owned business participation is 0.1% and 2.2%, respectively. The Office of Diversity is reviewing the documentation to determine whether Madsen-Johnson has made a good faith effort to achieve the participation goals.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Annual or Capital	Year Project Approved	Estimated Project Cost	Current Auth.	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	2007	\$22,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$21,000,000	\$15,078,600