



ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: June 1, 2009

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for South Saint Paul Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project No. 802710, Contract No. 07P58A

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the South Saint Paul Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project Number 802710, Contract No. 07P58A, with Ames Construction, Inc. for their low bid of \$13,822,748.40.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Council Member Wittsack asked how close to the river the existing pipe is located. Staff indicated very close and, in some cases, actually in the river.

Council Member Wittsack asked if the existing pipe is on land owned by the Council or on an easement. Staff responded the existing facility is partially on easement or in place by permit from the Corps of Engineers.

Council Member Wittsack inquired whether we have to purchase land or easements for the new facility. Staff indicated that easements are being obtained where we are not in public right of way.

Chair Leppik asked why we aren't using existing pipe alignment for the replacement facility. Staff responded that the construction along the existing alignment would be extremely difficult.

The proposed action was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: May 26, 2009
 For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 10, 2009

Date:	May 20, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for South Saint Paul Forcemain Improvements, MCES Project No. 802710, Contract No. 07P58A
District(s), Member(s):	District #13, Rick Aguilar; District #15, Daniel Wolter
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bill Moeller 651-602-4504
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore 651-602-1162

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Background

This contract involves the installation of 8,400 lineal feet of dual 30-inch diameter forcemain starting at the I-494 Wakota Bridge and terminating at a point 430-feet east of Concord Street North on Hardman Avenue North in South St. Paul. The existing South St. Paul Forcemain conveys flow from the South St. Paul lift station L-65, north to the Metropolitan WWTP located in Saint Paul. The forcemain, originally constructed in 1973, is in poor condition. This contract will be the first of five contracts to ultimately replace the existing forcemain system.

Five bids, ranging from \$13,822,748 to \$19,063,045, were received and opened on May 12, 2009. The engineer's estimate was \$18,530,285. Ames Construction, Inc. was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

The project is funded by Public Facilities Authority (PFA) loan, and has disadvantaged business participation goals of 3.5% Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and 11.5% Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE). Ames has proposed 3.1% MBE and 1.5% WBE participation.

The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity has found that Ames Construction has made a good faith effort to achieve the participation goals for this contract.

Rationale

Construction contract awards exceeding \$1,000,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2009 MCES Capital Budget, Project Number 802710

Annual or Capital	Project No	Estimated Project Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	802710	\$37,000,000	\$37,300,000	\$34,370,000	\$13,822,748.40

Known Support/Opposition

No known opposition.