

**E** Environment Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 8, 2009

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date Prepared: June 24, 2009

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of the Elko New Market Interceptor – Eureka Forcemain/Lakeville Gravity Segment, Project No. 801615, Contract 08P186

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Elko New Market Interceptor – Eureka Forcemain / Lakeville Gravity Segment, Project No. 801615, Contract 08P186, with Ames Construction, Inc. for its low bid of \$7,142,946.65.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

CM Wittsack asked if treated wastewater is no longer discharged into the Vermillion River. Staff explained that the new Empire plant was switched to discharge into the Mississippi River about a year ago, and when this project is completed, Elko New Market discharge will also divert to the Mississippi River and discharge into the Vermillion River will end.

CM Leppik asked what will happen to the old plant. Staff responded that the city is responsible for decommissioning the plant.

Motion to accept the proposed action was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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**Meeting date: June 23, 2009**  
**For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 8, 2009**

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Date: June 12, 2009  
Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of the Elko New Market Interceptor – Eureka Forcemain/Lakeville Gravity Segment, Project No. 801615, Contract 08P186  
District(s), Member(s): District 4 Craig Peterson; District 16 Wendy Wulff  
Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-3, Expenditures  
Staff Prepared/Presented: James Roth 651-602-1123; Bryce Pickart 651-602-1091  
Division/Department: MCES c/o William Moore 651-602-1162

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**Background**

The Elko New Market Interceptor will provide metropolitan sewer service to the City of Elko New Market. The existing Elko New Market wastewater treatment plant is expected to reach its design capacity in 2010. The Elko New Market Interceptor will remove the plant from service and provide treatment for Elko New Market wastewater at the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant. The elimination of the Elko New Market plant will end its treated wastewater discharges to the Vermillion River.

This contract is the third of four construction contracts to implement the 10-mile interceptor from the City of Elko New Market to the MCES Interceptor in Lakeville, consisting of three interceptor pipe projects and one lift station project. The first phase pipe project consisted of two miles of new pipe construction and was constructed in 2006 as part of a construction cooperation agreement with Scott County for improvements to Scott County Highway No. 2. The second phase of the project is for construction of four miles of pipe from County Road 2 to the intersection of Dodd Road and 235<sup>th</sup> Street in Eureka Township. This phase is nearly complete.

This third pipe project consists of one mile of dual forcemain, 3.2 miles of gravity sewer and a meter station. The alignment is along Dodd Boulevard from 235<sup>th</sup> Street to the southern border of the City of Lakeville, thence easterly and northerly along the Lakeville border to a junction with Council interceptor 71-03. The remaining project to complete the Elko New Market Interceptor is the Eureka Lift Station (L-79) to be constructed at the corner of 235<sup>th</sup> Street and Dodd Boulevard. Construction bids for the lift station projects are to be received later in 2009. The entire interceptor is expected to be constructed and ready for service by the end of 2010.

Six bids ranging from \$7,142,946.45 to \$8,875,477.65 were received and opened on June 11, 2009. The engineer's estimate was \$12,352,559. Ames Construction Inc. offered the low bid of \$7,142,946.45. Ames Construction has successfully completed similar projects for MCES. There were no goals for minority business or women-owned business participation in this contract.

**Rationale**

Award contracts exceeding \$1,000,000 require Council authorization.

**Funding**

Funding is provided in the 2008 MCES Capital Budget, Project Number 801615.

<b>Budget Information</b>					
Annual or Capital	Project No.	Estimated Project Cost	Current Auth.	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	801615	\$10,140,000	\$18,154,000	\$16,264,000	\$7,142,946

**Known Support / Opposition**

Supported by the City of Elko New Market and the City of Lakeville; no known opposition.