

**T** Transportation Committee

Item: 2010-49

For Metropolitan Council meeting of February 24, 2010

**Date** February 9, 2010**Prepared:****Subject:** Storage Tanks at Heywood, Nicollet and Ruter Garages, Project 62710**Proposed Action:**

Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract for Design and Construction Support services relative to the installation of above-ground storage tanks at the Heywood, Nicollet and Ruter Garages, with Stanley Consultants at a cost of \$420,000.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

After a brief presentation by staff, Council Member Haas Steffen asked if the proposed contract value was reasonable in view of continuing downward pressure on prices. The proposed contract value is reasonable and is about 4% higher than the Council's estimate of \$403,000. The contract value includes three elements: design, construction support and other services including surveying, geotechnical and environmental testing, spread over three separate facilities. The multiple sites involved in the design tend to increase costs. Additionally, the project is federally funded and procurement was in accordance with Brooks Act requirements. As such, there was no price comparison of proposed contract amounts other than with the Council's estimate.

Council Member Haas Steffen also asked if staff was regulated by mandated requirements for product tankage. Staff works closely with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to ensure adherence to all regulations. For example, as underground tanks are removed, staff takes appropriate soil samples and provides to the MPCA to determine if any leakage has occurred. If leakage is detected, additional soil remediation may be required.

Council Member Haas Steffen moved and Council Member Hilker seconded the proposed action and the committee approved unanimously.

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**Meeting date: February 8, 2010**

**Metropolitan Council Meeting: February 24, 2010**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>February 2, 2010</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Storage Tanks at Heywood, Nicollet and Ruter Garages, Project 62710</b>
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<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	<b>MN Statues 473.405 subd.4</b>
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### **Background**

This contract represents a continuation of our program to replace underground storage tanks at garage facilities. In 2009, the Council contracted to replace underground tanks with above-ground installations at the Overhaul Base and the South Garage. The eventual installation of above-ground tanks at the Heywood and Nicollet Garages and removal of tanks at the Ruter Garage will complete the program.

The tanks store diesel fuel, motor oil, antifreeze fluid and transmission fluid. Underground tanks have been prone to deterioration and leakage. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) endorses our action to minimize potentially adverse impacts to the environment.

On November 6, 2009, five proposals were received and evaluated in accordance with Brooks Act procedures for federally funded projects. A 15% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to this project. Stanley Consultants has committed 12% of the work to be directed to DBE companies. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) has approved the commitment and good faith effort from Stanley Consultants. The proposed contract value of \$420,000 is reasonable and slightly higher (4%) than the engineer's estimate of \$403,000.

## **Rationale**

Authorization to award and execute this contract improves the Council's ability to minimize potential environmental impacts. The execution of professional services contract in excess of \$250,000 requires Council approval.

## **Funding**

This project initially consisted of \$6.8 million (\$5.4 federal and \$1.4 local). Current remaining funds total \$4.6 million. This proposed professional services contract plus soft costs will result in approximately \$3.5 million available for the construction of the remaining above-ground tankage. This amount is within the initial conceptual estimate for this project.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the project.