

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 14, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date

Prepared: April 13, 2010

Subject: Rejection of Bid on 09P045B – MTS Camera System Installation

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reject the bid on 09P045B – MTS Camera System Installation solicitation from ColliSys in the amount of \$3,783,407.00.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Micky Gutzmann, Regional Administration Manager of Contracts and Procurement, presented.

Chair Meeks asked if staff understood why the bid price exceeded the estimated amount by such a large amount. Micky Gutzmann responded that staff contacted the bidder to assure that they understood the scope of work and that there was no error in the bid price. The vendor confirmed that they understood the scope of work and that the price proposed was correct. Staff was not able to explain the large gap between the estimated and proposed pricing, but will research further and consider options.

Motion by Council Member Hilker, second by Sersland Beach

Passed unanimously.

Business Item

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Item: SW 2010-128

Meeting date: April 12, 2010

Council Meeting: April 14, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 6, 2010
Subject:	Rejection of Bid on 09P045B – MTS Camera System Installation
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Acceptance or Rejection of Procurements Over \$250,000
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Micky Gutzmann, Manager Contracts and Procurement 651-602-1741 Gerri Sutton, Asst. Dir. Contracted Transit Services 651-602-1672
Division/Department:	Arlene McCarthy, Director, Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) 651-602-1754

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Background

A formal solicitation was originally released on February 4, 2010 for the Camera Installation of the Verint Camera System for MTS vehicles. Bids were due on February 26, 2010 with no bids being received. A poll was taken of the plan holders as to why they did not bid with feedback ranging in explanations. The staff felt that the scope could have been less restrictive. The scope was then modified and the project was resolicited. The second solicitation was issued on March 10, 2010 with bids due on April 1, 2010. Only one bid was received in the amount of \$3.7 million dollars. The project was budgeted for \$600,000. The estimate was based on Metro Transit's experience with installation of the same equipment on fixed route buses. The vendor was called to clarify his pricing and the vendor stated that the pricing was correct.

Rationale

After the bid was opened and the project manager contacted, staff determined that the bid was far outside the budgeted amount.

Staff will consider its options and will re-approach the Committee and the Council as warranted.

Funding

If the bid is not rejected there will be a significant negative financial impact. If the bid is rejected there would be no impact at this time.

Known Support / Opposition

MTS management supports this decision as does the Contracts and Procurement Unit.