

**T** Transportation Committee  
Metropolitan Council meeting: October 13, 2010

Item: 2010-338

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date** September 28, 2010  
**Prepared:**  
**Subject:** Rejection of Bids, F. T. Heywood Computer Room Upgrade

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reject all bids for the construction of the F. T. Heywood (FTH) office Computer Room Upgrade.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

After a brief presentation by staff, Committee Member Leppik asked if the bids were reasonable. Staff responded that, yes, the bids were reasonable for the bid package issued. However, after repackaging the bids, the overall value of the work is anticipated to be reduced by approx. \$150,000.

The proposed action was moved and seconded. There was no additional discussion and the item was approved unanimously.

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Rejection of Bids, F. T. Heywood Computer Room Upgrade</b>
<b>District(s), Member(s)</b>	<b>District 7, Annette Meeks, 612-341-8168</b>
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	<b>Council Policy 3.4.3 Procurement</b>
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	<b>Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Tom Thorstenson, Director, E &amp; F, 612-349-7689 Pat Jones, Asst. Director, E &amp; F, 612-349-7606</b>
<b>Division/Department:</b>	<b>Metro Transit Engineering &amp; Facilities</b>

### **Proposed Action**

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### **Background**

This proposed contract included the remodeling of approximately 3,000 square feet of space within the existing FTH office computer center and mechanical and electrical improvements to increase system reliability and efficiency. The work was to be performed in phases such that the computer room would remain operational throughout construction.

On August 3, 2010, eight bids were received and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$1,290,000 to \$1,525,700. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$981,000.

### **Rationale**

Bids came in higher than both the estimate and the amount budgeted for the project. Staff is reviewing the scope and budget, and plans to reissue an adjusted scope for subsequent bidding.

The rejection of bids of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council approval.

### **Funding**

Funding from federal and local sources is available in the amount budgeted, but not to award a contract in the amount of the low bid.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the upgrade of the FTH Computer Room.