

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: April 24, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 9, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

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| Date: | April 18, 2007 |
| Subject: | Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract for Construction Inspection Services with Earth Tech |
| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures |
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Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract for construction inspection services with Earth Tech in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Issue(s)

- Professional services contracts with an amount exceeding \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Overview and Funding

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) contracts for construction of its seven-county regional wastewater system. MCES staff will continue to manage the construction contract administration for all construction contracts. To supplement its construction inspection staff, MCES proposes to contract for construction inspection services assistance from four local firms familiar with design and construction of large wastewater conveyance facilities, including lift stations, meter stations, forcemains, and gravity sewers. MCES projects a need for approximately six to eight additional construction inspectors for the next three to four years.

The firms shall provide experienced and qualified construction inspectors in the areas of civil, electrical, and mechanical construction. Generally, it is expected that the assigned projects will include full-time civil construction inspection. Some projects will also require part-time electrical and mechanical inspection.

A Request for Proposals was issued for these services. Twelve proposals were received. The evaluation committee recommends awarding four-year contracts to four firms: Earth Tech, TKDA, Howard R. Green, and Bonestroo. Each firm has a local office with engineering and construction inspection personnel. Each firm has provided high quality services on MCES projects.

These contracts are cost reimbursement type contracts and utilize project specific work task orders to authorize work and staff assignments on a project-by-project basis. Four contracts are recommended to provide flexibility in scheduling work and to take advantage of a firm's special knowledge and/or capabilities.

Funding is provided by the MCES Capital Program.