Business Item

Item: 2008-16

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Environment Committee

Meeting date: January 22, 2008

For Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 13, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	January 2, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Uniform Rental Services for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), Contract 07P131
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services Over \$250,000
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Richard Halsted, 651-601-1038
Division/Department:	MCES / William G. Moore, 651-602-1162

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a 5-year contract to provide Uniform Rental Services for MCES staff with AmeriPride Services Inc. for a total of \$466,124.60.

Background

MCES staff involved in the collection and treatment of wastewater are provided with uniforms to maintain a professional appearance and to satisfy OSHA requirements.

A formal Invitation for Bids (IFB) was issued for uniform rental services, which include the supply and laundering of uniforms and related items such as floor mats and roll towels, and laundering of other Councilowned garments such as lab coats and coveralls. Four bids were received on December 10, 2007, ranging in amounts from \$302,112 to \$478,456. The low bidder requested to withdraw their bid based on an error in their proposal. Staff has reviewed their documents and concur that an error was made. The lowest responsive, responsible bidder was determined to be AmeriPride Services Inc.

Rationale

Uniforms are required to maintain a professional appearance and to satisfy OSHA requirements.

Funding

Funding is provided from annual operating budgets of individual departments utilizing this service.

Known Support / Opposition

None are known.