



Environment Committee

Meeting date: December 9, 2008

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of December 10, 2008

Business Item
SW Item: 2008 – 357

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	November 19, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Waste Incinerator Ash Disposal Services at the Metropolitan and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants
District(s), Member(s):	District #13, Richard Aguilar; District #15, Daniel Wolter
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services Over \$250,000
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with SKB Environmental for \$745,900 to provide waste incinerator ash disposal services at the Metropolitan and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

Background

A formal Invitation for Bids for ash disposal services was issued in October of this year, allowing bidders to submit unit price bids for this service. Three bids were received on November 7, 2008. Bid amounts ranged from \$745,900 to \$1,906,280. SKB Environmental was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The unit price for waste ash disposal is fixed at \$16.95 per ton for the term of the contract. This represents a price reduction of 5.8%.

The SKB landfill is located in Rosemount, Minnesota and is permitted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Dakota County. MCES staff have visited the landfill as part of the previous contract and made inquiries to the MPCA and Dakota County in regards to the operation of the landfill.

MPCA and Dakota County advised us that the site was well run and uses advanced techniques for the management of surface water runoff, which helps to minimize contact with the operating face and uncovered waste. MPCA and Dakota County stated that SKB has not had any permit violations.

Total cost for this service during the term of the contract is dependent on waste ash production, which is highly variable and difficult to estimate.

Rationale

The Metropolitan and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants require waste incinerator ash disposal services on a continuous basis. The current contract for these services with SKB will end December 31, 2008.

Contracts with an amount exceeding \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Funds are available in the annual operating budget of the Metropolitan and Seneca Wastewater Treatment plants.

Known Support / Opposition

None.