

E Environment Committee
Meeting date: December 9, 2008

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 14, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	December 4, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Amend Engineering Service Agreement for Interceptor System Standby Power Improvements, MCES Project Number 803500, Contract No. 04P005
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bryce Pickart 651-602-1091
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore 602-1162

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the engineering services contract with Sebesta Blomberg, Contract No. ~~05P125-~~04P005 increasing the total contract amount from \$476,300 to \$500,180.

Background

The Interceptor System Standby Power Improvements will increase system reliability in the event of an extended power outage at 29 lift stations throughout the Metropolitan Interceptor System. The engineering services contract was executed in 2004, with construction scheduled for 2005-2007. Due to circumstances beyond the engineer’s control, the project schedule was extended by one year, which increased their costs. There also was a need to increase the contract scope to address concerns and requirements of the local governing bodies, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Hennepin County, watershed districts, and homeowners associations. The original scope expressly omitted these tasks, i.e. assumed Metropolitan Council Environmental Services staff would perform these tasks.

Rationale

Engineering Services contract amendments require Council authorization when they exceed the original contract amount by more than 10%. This contract has previously been amended by 10%.

Funding

BUDGET INFORMATION					
Annual or Capital	Project No.	Estimated Project Cost	Current Auth.	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	803500	\$9,000,000	\$9,600,000	\$850,000	\$23,880

Known Support / Opposition

None