

**E Environment Committee
Meeting date: January 12, 2010**

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	December 21, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contracts for Construction Inspection Services
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute four-year contracts for construction inspection services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, with AECOM, Bonestroo, TKDA, and Foth Infrastructure & Environment.

Background

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 and treatment facilities. 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. Ten proposals were received. The evaluation committee recommends awarding four-year contracts to four firms: AECOM, Bonestroo, TKDA, and Foth Infrastructure and Environment. Each firm has a local office with engineering and construction inspection personnel. AECOM, Bonestroo, and TKDA have provided high quality services on MCES projects. MCES has limited experience with Foth, but has had good experience with key staff when they worked for other local firms.

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

Rationale

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

Funding

Funding is provided by the MCES Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

None known.