

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: April 13, 2010

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of April 28, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: March 31, 2010

Subject: Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contracts for Professional Geotechnical and Testing Services with AECOM, Inc., Braun Intertec and American Engineering Testing

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Master Contracts for professional geotechnical and other testing services with AECOM, Inc., Braun Intertec, and American Engineering Testing in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for each Master Contract.

Background

MCES utilizes professional/technical services on its capital improvement projects during the planning, design, and construction phases in several areas of expertise, including geotechnical investigations (soil borings, soil testing, and analysis), construction compliance testing (soil, concrete, asphalt, masonry, steel, piling), environmental assessments and investigations, hydrogeological evaluations, and material testing services. This business item recommends the award of Master Contracts to three local firms who provide these services, and who have provided these services on MCES capital projects.

A formal advertised Request for Proposals was issued for these services. Ten proposals were received. The evaluation committee recommends awarding five-year Master Contracts to three firms, AECOM, Inc., Braun Intertec, and American Engineering Testing.

Each firm has a local office with soil drilling rigs, construction compliance testing personnel and broad range of environmental, geotechnical, and materials testing capabilities. Each firm has provided high quality services on MCES projects.

These Master Contracts are cost reimbursement type contracts and utilize project specific work orders to authorize work. Three Master Contracts are recommended to provide flexibility in scheduling work, to take advantage of a firm's special knowledge and/or capabilities, and to avoid potential conflict of interest, since construction contractors also hire these firms to fulfill their contractual testing and quality assurance requirements.

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.