

E Environment Committee

Business Item: 2011-75

Meeting date: March 22, 2011

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 30, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

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Subject: Authorization to Reject All Bids for Construction of the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) Double Barrel Interceptor Improvements, MCES Project No. 805960, Contract No. 10P257

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 reject all bids for construction of the MWWTP Double Barrel Interceptor Improvements, MCES Project No. 805960, Contract No. 10P257.

Background

Wastewater flow into the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant is conveyed by the double barrel interceptor, which consists of two rectangular conduits, each 10 feet high by 9.5 feet wide. The double barrel was constructed in the 1930s. Rehabilitation of the double barrel consists of dewatering and removal of approximately 6,000 tons of sediment, removal of interior and exterior deteriorated concrete, concrete expansion joint repairs, the application of exterior penetrating water repellent coating, and an interior concrete lining system.

Two bids were received on February 24, 2010. The bids ranged from \$5,275,333 to \$21,428,400. An apparent unit pricing error by one of the bidders increased their bid price dramatically. The engineer's cost estimate was \$4,320,000.

The apparent unit pricing error is a significant issue, but the Council cannot accept a post-bid correction, because it would undermine the competitive bidding process.

It is not prudent to award to the other bidder, because that bid is significantly above the engineer's cost estimate. Therefore, staff recommends rejecting all bids and subsequently soliciting new bids.

Rationale

Construction contracts exceeding \$1,000,000 in value require Metropolitan Council authorization to reject all bids.

Funding

None required at this time.

Known Support / Opposition

None.