

E Environment Committee
Meeting date: January 10, 2012
For the Council Meeting of January 25, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: December 29, 2011
Subject: Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Engineering Services Agreement for Interceptor Sewer Tunneling Master Contract 11P179
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-3, Expenditures
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an engineering services agreement with CNA Consulting Engineers for Interceptor Sewer Tunneling Master Contract 11P179 for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Background

The regional wastewater system includes a significant number of interceptor sewers that have been constructed using tunneling methods, particularly major sewers in Minneapolis and St. Paul, as well as major highway crossings. Major highway projects, major infrastructure projects (e.g, stadiums), and other redevelopment projects often have potential impacts on regional sewers constructed using tunneling methods or requiring relocation using tunneling methods. Timely evaluation and response is necessary. In addition, routine interceptor inspections may reveal the need for immediate rehabilitation. Consequently, it is prudent to have available contracted engineering services with tunneling expertise.

A Request for Proposal was issued on October 7, 2011. Proposals were received from four firms. CNA Consulting Engineers has the most extensive local tunneling expertise, and has performed well on tunneling projects for MCES, Minneapolis, St. Paul, and the University of Minnesota. The selection panel concluded that the CNA proposal was the most advantageous to the Council.

Rationale

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

Funding

Funds will be provided by the MCES Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.