

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



Committee Meeting Date: December 13, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: January 11, 2023

Business Item: 2022-309

Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant Owner's Agent

District(s), Member(s):	District 13, Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services and Real Estate Policy
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 22P270 with Black and Veatch Corporation to provide Owner's Agent Services for design-build delivery of the new Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$9,998,952.

Background

The Facility Plan, which was adopted by the Council on February 23, 2022, recommends relocating the Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant from downtown Hastings to Council-owned property at 2445 Ravenna Trail. This project will help meet the capacity needs of the long-term service area and respond to potential future regulatory requirements within the 30-yr planning period.

The work of the Facility Plan was generally grouped into three categories: a new lift station and conveyance system, a new wastewater treatment plant and outfall, and decommissioning of the existing wastewater treatment plant. The owner's agent contract will provide environmental site work, permitting support, supplemental planning activities, preliminary engineering evaluations, and design-build project delivery support for the wastewater treatment plant.

The Request for Proposals was issued August 2, 2022. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquires. There were thirty registered plan holders, twenty-four consultants, four subcontractors, two plan rooms, and four of the plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

On September 22, 2022, the Council received three proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of award. The evaluation panel consisted of Council staff, external stakeholders, and technical advisors. The criteria used to evaluate the proposals were: the quality of the proposal, the experience of the proposer, the qualifications of the proposer, and price. The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposal submitted by Black and Veatch Corporation provides the best overall value to the Council.

Rationale

The execution of a professional services contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship by efficiently and effectively preserving our regional wastewater treatment plant assets.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2022 Authorized Capital Program.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 13% for this solicitation. OEEO determined that Black and Veatch Corporation met the MCUB requirements for this solicitation.

