

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee meeting date: February 10, 2026

For the Metropolitan Council: February 25, 2026

Business Item: 2026-35

Master Contracts for Interceptor Engineering Services, Contract 25P156 A-K

Proposed action

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Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. ***	25P156K	\$1,500,000

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Summary of Environment Committee discussion/questions

Motion by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Lindstrom. Motion carried.

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District(s), member(s): All

Policy/legal reference: FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy

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Background

These master contracts are needed to support the 2026-2030 Authorized Capital Program. The Request for Proposals was issued on July 30, 2025. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were forty-five registered plan holders, thirty-six consultants, five subcontractors and one plan room. The Council received eighteen proposals on September 29, 2025, to be evaluated for the consideration of award.

In accordance with the Brooks Act, the evaluation of proposals followed a two-step process. An evaluation panel of Council staff and external stakeholders ranked and selected the most technically qualified proposers. Following approval of the evaluation panel findings, conclusions, and recommendations, the cost proposals of the highest ranked proposers were reviewed by a negotiation panel that negotiated pricing and agreed that the final prices have been determined to be fair and reasonable, and a consensus was reached that the proposals submitted by the referenced list of proposers are the most advantageous to the Council.

Rationale

The execution of architecture and engineering contracts exceeding \$2,000,000 require Council approval.

Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, This action advances the Thrive Outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability. Public financial resources will be responsibly invested to support orderly economic development while maintaining the regional wastewater system assets, which protect the region's natural resources.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2026 Authorized Capital Program.

Small business inclusion

Due to the requirements of the Interim Final Rule (IFR) issued by the USDOT on October 3, 2025, the DBE goal that had been established for this project prior to the IFR was removed.

