

# Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee meeting date: February 10, 2026

For the Metropolitan Council: February 25, 2026

## Business Item: 2026-44

Master Contracts for Wastewater System Planning Services, Contract 25P170

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### Summary of Environment Committee discussion/questions

Motion by CM Morales, seconded by CM Jenkins. 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

**Staff prepared/presented:** John Chlebeck, Assistant Manager, 651-602-4527

**Division/department:** Environmental Services, Planning

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### Background

Contracting capacity is needed to support wastewater system planning functions, including engineering services to perform service area planning throughout the metropolitan area and to inform infrastructure investment to meet future wastewater service needs of communities. Request for Proposals was issued on August 27, 2025. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. The Council received eight proposals on November 17, 2025, to be evaluated for the consideration of award.

An evaluation panel of four Council staff reviewed proposals on the basis of quality of proposal, qualifications of proposer, experience of proposer, and cost. A consensus was reached that the proposals submitted by the three proposers listed herein were the most advantageous to the Council, and those three were recommended for award of contracts of equal value.

## **Rationale**

The execution of architecture and engineering contracts exceeding \$500,000 require Council approval.

## **Thrive lens analysis**

On February 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**

The planning efforts conducted with the awarded contracts will be funded by the Environmental Services Authorized Capital Program.

## **Small business inclusion**

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEE) set a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of fifteen percent (15%). OEE determined that all firms being recommended for award have met the MCUB requirements of this contract.

