

Department of Public Works – Engineering Division

MEMO

TO: Utilities Committee

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SUBJECT: Award Unit K-16 Native Landscape Management Contract to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$135,030.41.

DATE: February 23, 2016

The Department of Public Works recommends award of the K-16 Native Landscape Management Contract to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. (AES), in an amount not to exceed \$135,030.41 (budget \$170,460).

The following tasks are included in this contract:

Native Vegetation Maintenance at City Stormwater Ponds and Channels

- Provide vegetation inspections and recommendations.
- Provide invasive species and algae control through herbicide, mowing, brushing, and/or controlled burns.
- Provide preparation, seeding, planting, and erosion control at sparsely established and eroding areas.
- Maintain pond aerators.

The Department of Public Works requests that the Utilities Committee approve a contract with AES, which was the 2014 and 2015 contractor, for these services. This request is consistent with the approved 2016 stormwater budget, as well as the February 19, 2014 approval by the Common Council authorizing the Department of Public Works to request using AES as its consultant/contractor for native landscaping through 2016, subject to contractor performance in the prior year and annual contract approval.

AES performed well as the 2014 and 2015 contractor, demonstrating good customer service, expertise, and cost-effectiveness. The proposed unit prices for K-16 represent a 2% increase over AES's 2015 unit prices, as AES had proposed in 2014.

Therefore the Department of Public Works recommends awarding Unit K-16 Native Landscape Management to Applied Ecological Services in an amount not to exceed \$135,030.41