

Department of Public Works – Engineering Division

MEMO

TO: Utilities Committee

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SUBJECT: Award Unit K-19 Native Landscape Management Contract to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$181,892.

DATE: February 5, 2019

The Department of Public Works recommends award of the K-19 Native Landscape Management Contract to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. (AES), in an amount not to exceed \$181,892 (budget \$193,035).

The following tasks are included in this contract:

Native Vegetation Maintenance and New Installation 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 areas and new sites.
- Maintain pond aerators.

In addition to work at DPW sites, the proposed contract amount includes \$3,775.81 of work at Facilities Department sites, to be paid by Facilities Department through interdepartmental agreement.

The Department of Public Works requests that the Utilities Committee approve a contract with AES, who was the 2017 and 2018 contractor, for these services. This request is consistent with the approved 2018 stormwater budget, the March 15, 2017 Unit K-17 approval by the Common Council, and the March 2017 award memo by the Department of Public Works requesting use of AES as its consultant/contractor for native landscaping through 2021, subject to contractor performance in the prior year and annual contract approval.

AES performed well as the 2017 and 2018 contractor, demonstrating good customer service, expertise, and cost-effectiveness. Proposed K-19 unit prices include a 2% unit price increase compared to the K-18 unit prices, which is in line with the proposed annual unit price adjustment in the original 2017 AES proposal.

Therefore the Department of Public Works recommends awarding Unit K-19 Native Landscape Management to Applied Ecological Services in an amount not to exceed \$181,892.