

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2023-166 WITH PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP INC. FOR PROJECT 66C2 – ARCHITECT/ENGINEER SERVICES FOR BROOKPARK RAIL SHOP MODIFICATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$283,739.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) requires professional design services for Project 66C2 – Architect/Engineer Services for Brookpark Rail Shop Modifications; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Parsons Transportation Group Inc., with an office located at 29 Alpha Park Dr., Highland Heights, Ohio 44143, to perform said services was received on November 30, 2023 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, Parsons Transportation Group Inc. has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$283,739.00; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. to be the most advantageous to the Authority, finds the price to be fair and reasonable for said services, and recommends acceptance thereof by the Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the negotiated offer of Parsons Transportation Group Inc. to provide professional design services under Project 66C2 Architect/Engineer Services for Brookpark Rail Shop Modifications be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority be and she is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Parsons Transportation Group Inc. for the performance of said services.

Section 3. This procurement shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to, Capital Grant OH-2021-050-337, in an amount not to exceed \$283,739.00 (\$226,991.20 in federal funds, which represents 80% of total cost).

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority’s Board of Trustees expects that Parsons Transportation Group Inc. will attempt to exceed the 8% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

Section 6. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: January 23, 2024



President

Attest: _____
Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: ARCHITECT/ENGINEER SERVICES FOR BROOKPARK RAIL SHOP MODIFICATIONS VENDOR: PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP INC. AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$283,739.00	Resolution No.: 2024-8
	Date: January 18, 2024
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development Department
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") to enter into a contract for Project 66C2 – Architect/Engineer Services for Brookpark Rail Shop Modifications.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This project is to obtain professional consultant services to develop design plans and specifications for the Brookpark Rail Shop modifications and site improvements. The work includes but is not limited to the following: completing a field survey, inspection of gantry trolley and jib crane systems, designing building modifications for the new rail car fleet, and providing bidding support and construction administration.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposals ("RFP") was posted on the Authority's Procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Sixteen (16) interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package and one (1) responsive proposal was received. These services were solicited through a competitive negotiated procurement, utilizing the Brooks Act Procedures. Under this process, the Authority's evaluation panel first selects the most technically qualified firm, solicits a pricing proposal from that firm, and negotiates price only with that firm. Should the Authority determine that an agreement could not be reached with the most qualified firm, it may reject that proposal and repeat the process with the next most qualified firm. In this instance, negotiations were held with Parsons Transportation Group Inc., the first ranked firm, and an acceptable price was reached.

 Parsons Transportation Group Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Authority, Metropolitan Council (MN), WMATA, ODOT, Edmonton Valley, and Sound Transit, among others.

 The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposed pricing from Parsons Transportation Group Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$283,739.00, to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. An 8% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Parsons Transportation Group Inc. has committed to achieving the DBE participation goal through the utilization of G & T Associates (Asian Pacific Male-owned) in the amount of \$70,203.00 or 24.7%.

- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.

- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to, Capital Grant OH-2021-050-337, in an amount not to exceed \$283,739.00 (\$226,991.20 in federal funds, which represents 80% of total cost).
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would create a situation where the new rail car fleet would not be able to be commissioned at Brookpark Rail Shop, as planned.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the January 9, 2024 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Parson Transportation Group Inc. be accepted and the resolution adopted authorizing the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.



General Manager, Chief Executive Officer