RESOLUTION NO. 2002-23

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2002-006 WITH ABRAMO CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO PROVIDE A CONNECTING CANOPY AND AN ACCESS ROAD FOR THE WINDERMERE HEADSTART FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$610,000.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, PROGRAMMING & PLANNING BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority deems it necessary to obtain construction services to provide a connecting canopy and an access road for the Windermere Headstart; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Abramo Construction Incorporated for said services was received on January 31, 2002 in the amount of \$610,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the CEO/General Manager deems the bid of Abramo Construction Incorporated to be the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder 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 bid of Abramo Construction Incorporated for Project 6.87, Connecting Canopy and Access Road for the Windermere Headstart Facility be and the same is hereby accepted as the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder.

Section 2. That the CEO/General Manager of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Abramo Construction Incorporated for construction services under Project 6.87, Connecting Canopy and Access Road.

Section 3. That said contract shall be in the amount of six hundred ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$610,000.00) payable from the RTA Development Fund, including but not limited to applicable Capital Grant OH-03-0128 (\$488,000.00 in Federal Funds, which represents 80% of the 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, thereto, it any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2001-064; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to the contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: February 19, 2002

President

Attest:

Joseph A. Calabrese, CEO

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS



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IN THE AMOUNT OF \$610,000.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, PROGRAMMING & PLANNING BUDGET)	Date: February 7, 2002	
	Initiator: Programming & Planning	
ACTION REQUEST:		

- 1.0 PURPOSE: This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract to provide connecting canopies and an access road under Project 6:87.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: This project involves the construction of a covered walkway to connect the Headstart Facility for the Council of Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland (CEOGC) to the existing Louis B. Stokes Station at Windermere. It also includes the entrance roadway to the CEOGC Headstart Facility, which will be completed in May 2002. The project will also add a concrete retaining wall, storm sewers, lighting and wiring attached to the RTA canopy, new sidewalk, curbs and associated landscaping and fencing work. This work is a part of the original Livable Communities Project and is also required by the agreement with CEOGC for the lease of the site. The connector construction is the final piece of the project as envisioned by the original project. The lease agreement for the facility requires the RTA to provide the canopy and access road in accordance with CEOGC's construction schedule.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Eleven prospective bidders purchased packages for this solicitation and five responsive bids were received on February 1, 2002. Bids received are as follows:

1.	Abramo Construction Incorporated North Royalton, Ohio 44133	\$610,000.00
2.	Cold Harbor Building Company Chardon, Ohio 44024	\$611,000.00
3.	Ozanne Construction Company, Incorporated Cleveland, Ohio 44114	\$615,000.00
4.	Nerone & Sons Incorporated Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128	\$720,000.00
5.	East-West Construction Company, Incorporated Cleveland Ohio 44105	\$758,975.00

A price analysis was performed and the Procurement Department determined the bid to be fair and reasonable. The Engineer's Estimate was \$560,879.00. The bids were above the estimate because of the contractor's concerns regarding the close coordination required with the Headstart Center contractor. There is a limited area for staging and the work will have to be carefully phased to meet the project deadline. There is also a higher cost for structural steel than anticipated due to the limited number of available fabricators for this type of work and the aggressive schedule.

Abramo Construction Incorporated has performed RTA concrete and site work at the Oakwood Bus Loop and at the Dennison/Ridge Bus Loop.

This project is a rebid. On the previous solicitation, the lowest acceptable bid was \$814,000.00. This was 20% above Engineer's Estimate and could not be accepted under Ohio law.

4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. There was an 18% DBE goal established for this procurement. The prime contractor, Abramo Construction, 9560 York Alpha Dr., North Royalton, Ohio, is a RTA certified DBE (White Female) firm. Abramo Construction will perform approximately 32% of this contract. Additionally, the prime contractor will utilize the following DBE firms.

DBE(s) Name/Address	DBE Category	Scope of Work	\$ Amount	% of DBE Goal
Cook Paving 1136 Brookpark Cleveland, OH 44130	African-American	Paving	\$18,100.00	2.97%
Able Fence 33100 Lakeland Eastlake, OH 44095	White – Female	Fencing	\$11,849.00	1.94%
CommSteel, Inc. 900 E. 69 th St. Cleveland, OH 44103	African-American	Structural Steel	\$241,000.00	39.51%
		TOTAL	\$270,949.00	44.42%

- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement will be funded from the RTA Development Fund, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-03-0128, Line Item 12.33.20 (\$488,000.00 in Federal Funds, which represents 80% of the total cost). The bid submitted by Abramo Construction Inc. of \$610,000.00 was \$49,121.00 (8.8%) above the Engineer's Estimate for these services
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this bid. Rejection of this award would delay the completion of the Windermere Headstart construction and violate the lease agreement with CEOGC.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the bid of Abramo Inc. be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager to enter into a contract for a connecting canopy and access road at the Windermere Headstart Facility as described under Project 6.87.

9.0 ATTACHMENTS:

None

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

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer