

RESOLUTION NO. 2002 -24

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT 2001-118 WITH WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES, INC. OHIO FOR GENERAL ARCHITECTURAL-ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FINAL DESIGN OF THE EUCLID CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,072,202 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, EUCLID CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, The Authority has completed preliminary engineering for the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to employ a General Architectural/Engineering Consultant to provide final design services for said Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. Ohio, with offices at 55 Public Square, Cleveland, OH 44114, to perform said services was received on October 19, 2001, in response to a competitive solicitation; and,

WHEREAS, Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. Ohio was determined to be the most technically-qualified firm offering to perform such services; and,

WHEREAS, after discussions and negotiations, Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. Ohio submitted a best and final proposal to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager deems acceptance of the offer of Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. Ohio, as negotiated, to be in the best interest of the Authority.

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

Section 1. That the offer of Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. Ohio, as negotiated, to perform general architectural/engineering services for the final design of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project, is hereby accepted as the most advantageous to the Authority, cost and all other factors considered.

Section 2. That the General Manager of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. Ohio for the performance of said services.

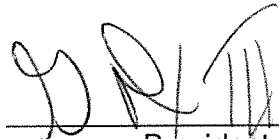
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, including but not limited to Grants OH-03-0195 and OH-03-0211 (\$7,257,761.60 in Federal Funds, which represents 80% of the total cost) in an amount not to exceed nine million seventy-two thousand two hundred two and 00/100 dollars (\$9,072,202.00).

Section 4. That said contract shall be contingent upon receipt of approval from the Federal Transit Administration to proceed with final design of this project and of grant funding therefor.

Section 5. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor with the Specifications and Addenda thereto, if 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 contractual obligations of the Authority.

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

Adopted: February 19, 2002



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	Date: February 5, 2002
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Management Division
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 Authority to enter into a contract for general architectural/engineering services for the final design of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Consultant will bring forward the preliminary engineering design for this project to readiness for construction, and provide field services during the construction. The Authority must receive approval from the Federal Transit Administration, based upon the satisfaction of preliminary design requirements, before proceeding with final design. This approval is expected in early February.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: These services were solicited through a competitive negotiated procurement, utilizing 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 only with that firm. Should the Authority determine that agreement cannot 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 the first ranked firm, and an acceptable price was agreed upon.

Wilbur Smith Associates is a national consulting firm with strong experience in public transit. It has participated in several Bus Rapid Transit projects, in Pittsburgh, PA; New Britain/Hartford, CT; and Oakland, CA. It has also been involved in a number of major transit projects in cities such as Columbus, OH; Chicago, IL; Houston, TX; Atlanta, GA; and Salt Lake City, UT. The firm is currently the Authority's consultant for the Southwest Corridor Study involving the Red Line in the Airport - Brookpark - Berea area.

A cost analysis was performed, and the Procurement Department has determined the negotiated rates and total not-to-exceed price to be fair and reasonable to the Authority. In addition to the DBE firms listed below, Wilbur Smith's team includes the following participants

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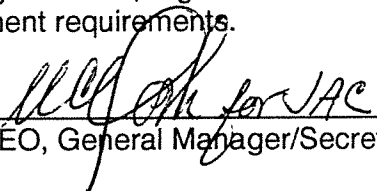
FIRM	LOCATION	SCOPE
Finkbeiner, Pettis & Strout	Cleveland, OH	Roadway, Streetscape
Robert P. Madison International	Cleveland, OH	Bus Station & Maintenance Facility
Sasaki Associates	Watertown, MA	Urban/Streetscape
Professional Service Industries	Cleveland, OH	Roadway, Bus Station & Maintenance Facility
Whelan Communications	Cleveland, OH	Public Involvement
Gannett Fleming	Harrisburg, PA	Bus Maintenance Facility
Stoney Hill Transportation	The Plains, VA	Precision Docking System

4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 20% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. Ohio has committed to achieve the goal through the utilization of the following DBE firms:

FIRM	DBE TYPE	SCOPE	AMOUNT	PERCENT
The Outside In, Inc. 23240 Chagrin Blvd. Beachwood, OH 44122	African-American	Streetscape & Urban Design; Public Art Coordination	\$282,079	3.11%
Gray & Pape, Inc. 1318 Main Street Cincinnati, OH 45210	White Female	Environmental Documentation; Construction Support	\$102,770	1.13%
Central Engineering, Inc. 869 W. Bagley Rd. Berea, OH 44017	Asian Pacific	Traffic Engineering & Controls	\$94,159	1.04%
KS Associates, Inc. 260 Burns Rd. Elyria, OH 44035	White Female	Roadway Design; Base Map & Surveys	\$561,473	6.19%
Columbus Engineering d/b/a UTILOCATE 840 Michigan Ave. Columbus, OH 43215	Asian Pacific	Roadway Design; Utility Design	\$387,968	4.27%
City Blue Printing 1937 Prospect Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115	White Female	Reproduction & Mailing	\$350,000	3.86%
DAR Associates 3737 Park East Drive Beachwood, OH 44122	African- American	Public Involvement	\$35,021	0.39%
Kapp & Associates, Inc. 15717 Brewster Rd. East Cleveland, OH 44112	White Female	Signage Design	\$30,500	0.34%
		TOTAL DBE PARTICIPATION:	\$1,843,970	20.33%

- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The Engineer's Estimate for this procurement was \$9,803,370.00. The negotiated not-to-exceed price to perform this work was 7.5% below the estimate. The contract shall be funded, through the RTA Development Fund, including but not limited to Grants OH-03-0195, line item 13.71.02 (\$3,690,000) and OH-03-0211, line item 13.71.02, (\$5,382,202) in Federal Funds, which represents 80% of the total cost). Grant funding will be made available following approval by the Federal Transit Administration to begin final design.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer: Rejection of this contract will prevent the Authority from completing the design of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project in accordance with the project schedule.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board adopt the resolution, authorizing the General Manager to enter into a contract with Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. Ohio for Services for the final design of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

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



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