

RESOLUTION 2003- 073

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2002-096 WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES, INC. (PSI) FOR THE FURNISHING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE INTERESTS FOR THE EUCLID CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$467,060.02 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, EUCLID CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGETS).

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority intends to construct certain transit improvements as part of the New Starts funded portion of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project; and

WHEREAS, said construction will require the Authority to acquire rights in real property generally in the form of total acquisition of real estate parcels; partial acquisition of real estate parcels; and permanent or temporary easements; and

WHEREAS, the said acquisitions will require the assistance of licensed professionals in the area of environmental services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has solicited such services through a competitive negotiated procurement process; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of PSI for the furnishing of said environmental services was received on August 19, 2002, and

WHEREAS, the General Manager deems the proposal of PSI to be most favorable to the Authority, cost and all other factors considered, 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 proposal of PSI, as negotiated, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with PSI for the provision of environmental services for the acquisition of interests in real property for the New Starts funded portion of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project.

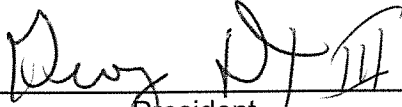
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, including but not limited to 100% local funds, in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Sixty 23/100 dollars (\$467,060.02). The contract will consist of a separate notice to proceed for each element of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project. The Bus Rapid Transit element costs (estimated at \$327,005.40) will be from the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project Department Budget, and the East Side Transit Center costs (estimated at \$140,054.62) will be funded from the Programming and Planning Department Budget.

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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 in Resolution 2002-120, bonding and insurance requirements, future years funding and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

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

Adopted: May 20, 2003

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority  
**STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

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	Date: May 15, 2003
	Initiator: Project Development & Engineering
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 Environmental Services necessary to acquire real estate interests for construction of the New Starts funded portion of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: Two components of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project are funded under the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program: the Bus Rapid Transit project elements and the East Side Transit Center. The Bus Rapid Transit portion of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project has received FTA environmental assessment and is currently in Final Design, with construction expected to begin in 2004. The East Side Transit Center is currently in the environmental phase, with FTA approval of the environmental assessment expected in early 2004. The real estate acquisition process for the East Side Transit Center will not begin until FTA approval is obtained at the end of the environmental phase. In order to secure the necessary right-of-way, we will need to acquire real estate interests in properties in the work areas of these projects. These will involve the permanent acquisition of real estate parcels and portions of parcels, and both permanent and temporary easements.

To accomplish this within the time constraints of the project, the assistance of five types of professional services are required: a general real estate consultant to perform the necessary research, appraisals and negotiations with property owners; a review appraiser as required by the federal Uniform Relocation Act; a title and escrow agent; an environmental consultant to determine whether properties contain hazardous materials; and legal counsel to handle any eminent domain litigation which may be necessary.

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Requests for Proposals were sent to prospective vendors. After evaluation by a panel of Authority employees in accordance with established Procurement Department Policies and Procedures, and negotiations, the proposal of Professional Services Industries, Inc. (PSI) was determined to be the most favorable to the Authority, price and all other factors considered.

PSI is a local and nationwide firm that provides engineering and environmental services. PSI was formed in Illinois in 1961 and has provided services in the areas of Environmental Consulting/Management, Environmental Site Assessments, Asbestos/Lead-Based Paint Consulting, Soil/Groundwater Assessments/Remediation and Geotechnical Engineering and Drilling. PSI employs more than 2,800 skilled personnel in 145 offices nationwide, five

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of these offices are in Ohio. Some of the major regional projects that PSI has Staff participated in include the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Museum, TRW World Headquarters, Cleveland Browns NFL Stadium as well as Jacobs Field. PSI offers local expertise on technical matters and familiarity with members of the regional business and regulatory communities.

A cost analysis has been performed and the rates and price have been determined to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 15% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Professional Services Industries, Inc. (PSI) has committed to achieve the goal through the utilization of the following DBE firm(s):

DBE(s) Name/Address	DBE Category	Scope of Work	Amount	Percent
MV Technologies, Inc. Akron, Ohio	Asian Indian Male	Environmental Assessments & Asbestos Survey	\$31,882.95	6.83%
Schneider Laboratories, Inc. Richmond, VA	Asian Pacific Female	Asbestos Laboratories	\$48,174.09	10.31%
		<b>Total DBE Participation:</b>	<b>\$80,057.04</b>	<b>17.14%</b>

- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement will be funded through the RTA Development Fund, including but not limited to 100% local funds in an amount not to exceed four hundred sixty seven sixty 23/100 dollars (\$467,060.23). The contract will consist of a separate notice to proceed for each element of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project. The Bus Rapid Transit element costs (\$327,005.40) will be funded from the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project Development Budget; and the East Side Transit Center costs (\$140,054.62) will be funded from the Programming and Planning Department Budget.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this award. Rejection of this award would delay the acquisition of property needed for construction of the Bus Rapid Transit and East Side Transit Center projects and risk delaying the construction schedules.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the proposal of Professional Services Industries, Inc., as negotiated, be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager to enter into a contract.

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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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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer