

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-143

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2003-038 WITH OSBORN ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE A/E SERVICES FOR FINAL DESIGN OF THE EAST SIDE TRANSIT CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$563,779.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET).

WHEREAS, the Authority deems it necessary to procure Architect/Engineering services for Final Design of East Side Transit Center for the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Osborn Architects & Engineers, with offices located at 1300 East Ninth Street, Suite 1500, Cleveland, Ohio to perform said services was received on April 25, 2003, in response to a request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, Osborn Architects & Engineers was determined to be the most technically qualified firm offering to perform such services for an amount of five hundred sixty three thousand seven hundred seventy nine and 00/100 dollars (\$563,779.00); and

WHEREAS, the General Manager deems the offer of Osborn Architects & Engineers, as negotiated, to be in the best interest of the Authority 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 offer of Osborn Architects & Engineers, as negotiated, to perform A/E services is hereby accepted as the most advantageous to the Authority, cost and all other factors considered.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Osborn Architects & Engineers for the performance of said services.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department Budget, including but not limited to 100% Local Funds, at a total amount of five hundred sixty three thousand seven hundred seventy nine and 00/100 dollars, (\$563,779.00).

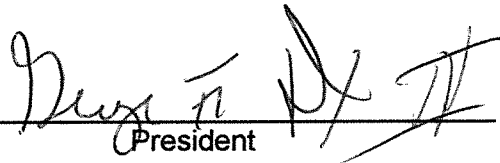
Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, thereto, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2003-107; bonding and insurance requirements; and all applicable laws relating to the contractual obligations of the Authority.

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Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects that Osborn Architects & Engineers will attempt to exceed the 24% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: September 16, 2003



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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	Date: September 12, 2003
	Initiator: Programming and Planning
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

1.0 PURPOSE: This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract with Osborn Architects & Engineers to provide A/E services for the Final Design of the East Side Transit Center (ESTC).

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: This project is designed to provide a Transit Center, which will provide site improvements, including bus roadways, landscaping, lighting and utilities within the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project. The East Side Transit Center will allow for Intermodal function, accommodating bus service, passenger transfer, automobile drop-off/pick-ups, bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Site roadways will include 12 to 16 bus bays. The design will consider means by which growth in ridership can be promoted and accommodated.

Tasks to be performed by the A/E consultant include, preliminary and schematic design, design and engineering development, construction documents, bidding and construction assistance during the punch list process and record drawings.

The East Side Transit Center design will be flexible to include the possible development of housing, office space, commercial, retail or structured parking with escalator and/or elevator constructed by other private entities possibly above the Transit Center. The Transit Center building will have a footprint of about 5,000 square feet.

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Requests for Proposals were given to forty-six prospective proposers for this solicitation and seven proposals were received on April 25, 2003.

These services were solicited through a competitive negotiated procurement utilizing Brooks Act procedures. Under this process, the Authority's evaluation panel selected the most technically qualified firms to interview, based on the written proposal received, as measured against weighted evaluation criteria. Interviews were conducted and based on those interviews, the single most technically qualified firm is selected and asked to submit a cost proposal. The Authority then negotiates only with that firm. Should the Authority determine that agreement couldn't 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, the Authority was able to reach a mutually accepted cost with Osborn Architects & Engineers. A cost analysis was performed and the Procurement Department has determined the negotiated price to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

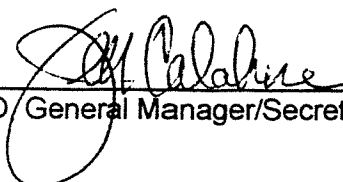
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4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 24% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Osborn Architects & Engineers has committed to achieve the goal through the utilization of the following DBE firm(s):

DBE(s) Name/Address	DBE Category	Scope of Work	Amount	Percent
Oxbow Engineering Painesville, Ohio	Caucasian Female	Traffic Analysis	\$19,800	3.5%
The Outside In, Inc. Beachwood, Ohio	African American Male	Landscape Architecture	\$47,959	8.5%
Prime Engineering Akron, Ohio	Asian Indian Female	Geotechnical Engineering	\$52,190	9.3%
G & T Strongsville, Ohio	Asian Indian Male	Site Survey	\$19,800	3.5%
Total DBE Participation:			\$139,749	24.8%

- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local Funds at a total amount of five hundred sixty three thousand seven hundred seventy nine and 00/100 dollars, (\$563,779.00). Although GCRTA does not have a grant or contract at this time, the Ohio Department of Transportation has agreed to fund 50% (\$281,889.50) of the East Side Transit Center project, including design costs.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will delay the progress of the design requirements and construction of the East Side Transit Center, which is a part of the ECTP.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of Osborn Architects & Engineers be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager 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.



 CEO General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer