

RESOLUTION NO. 2005- 73

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2005-048 WITH FIRE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION CYLINDERS AND COVERS, AS SPECIFIED, AT A TOTAL PRICE OF \$47,840.00 (RTA CAPITAL FUND - FLEET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET).

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority requires the replacement of fire suppression cylinders and covers that are inoperable; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Fire Systems, Inc., located at 4700 Highlands Parkway, Smyrna, GA 30082 for the purchase of fire suppression cylinders and covers, as specified, was received on June 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Fire Systems, Inc. was the sole responsive bid received in response to this solicitation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 306.43(B), when fewer than two responsive bids are received, a regional transit authority may negotiate a price with the sole responsive bidder or may rescind the solicitation and re-procure the item; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, a price of forty-seven thousand eight hundred forty & 00/100 dollars (\$47,840.00) was agreed upon; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the bid of Fire Systems, Inc. as negotiated, to be a responsive bid from a responsible bidder for the purchase of fire suppression cylinders and covers, as specified, 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 Fire Systems, Inc., as negotiated, be and the same is hereby accepted as a responsive bid from a responsible bidder for the purchase of fire suppression cylinders and covers, as specified.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Fire Systems, Inc. for the purchase of fire suppression cylinders and covers, as specified.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Capital Fund, Fleet Management Department budget at a total price of forty-seven thousand eight hundred forty & 00/100 dollars (\$47,840.00).

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority, compliance by the contractor to the Specification and Addenda; if any, the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2005-051; 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 Fire Systems, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 0% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: June 21, 2005



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	Date: June 16, 2005
	Initiator: Fleet Management 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 Authority to enter into a contract for the purchase of fire suppression cylinders and covers, as specified.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Authority has an on going need to replace damaged and inoperable fire suppression cylinders and covers as part of its normal schedule maintenance and safety requirements of bus fire suppression systems. Amerex Corporation is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for the Authority's revenue bus fire suppression systems. Fire Systems, Inc. is an authorized distributor.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: The solicitation was posted on the Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. One responsive bid was received on June 1, 2005. A survey of prospective bidders was conducted by the Procurement Department, which indicated one company was unable to bid competitively and a second company is not an authorized distributor for Amerex fire suppression systems.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 306.43(B), the Authority may negotiate price when less than two responsive bids are received. Negotiations with Fire Systems, Inc. achieved a reduction of \$8,694.40 or 15% below the original bid price. The Authority is purchasing 130 units at \$368.00 each.

The bid of Fire Systems, Inc., as negotiated, has been determined by the Procurement Department to be a responsive bid from a responsible bidder. A price analysis has been performed and the Procurement Department has determined the price to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.
- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 0% DBE goal was established for this procurement due to the lack of available certified DBE firms.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement will be funded through the RTA Capital Fund, Fleet Management Department budget at a total price of forty-seven thousand eight hundred forty & 00/100 dollars (\$47,840.00). This price is 10% below the estimate of \$53,047.20.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject all bids. Rejection of this bid would delay the replacement of the fire suppression cylinders and risk a safety hazard for the Authority's revenue fleets.

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8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the bid of Fire Systems, Inc., as negotiated, be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer 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