

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-37

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2005-078 WITH C.J. BROWN ENERGY ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE, P.C., FOR THE FURNISHING OF ENERGY CONSERVATION CONSULTING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 (RTA CAPITAL FUND – ENGINEERING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has identified a need for professional services to complete an audit of current energy usage of both electricity and natural gas and to receive recommendations for a more efficient and cost-effective use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of C.J. Brown Energy Engineering & Architecture, P.C., located at 4245 Union Road, Suite 204, Buffalo, New York 14225 for the furnishing of energy conservation consulting services was received on September 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand & 00/100 dollars (\$150,000.00) for these services was agreed upon; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of C.J. Brown Energy Engineering & Architecture, P.C., as negotiated, to be in the Authority's best interest, 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 offer of C.J. Brown Energy Engineering & Architecture, P.C., as negotiated, for the furnishing of energy conservation consulting services be and the same 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 C.J. Brown Energy Engineering & Architecture, P.C., to furnish these services.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Capital Fund, Engineering and Project Development Department budget, in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand & 00/100 dollars (\$150,000.00).

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor to Specifications and Addenda, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2005-51; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to the contractual obligation of the Authority.

Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects that C.J. Brown Energy Engineering & Architecture, P.C. will attempt to exceed the 0% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: March 21, 2006

President

Attest: _____
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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	Date: March 16, 2006
	Initiator: Engineering and Project Development 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 energy conservation consultant services.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This action will allow the Authority to obtain the services of a professional energy conservation consultant. This consultant will provide the Authority with options that will allow for significant decreases in both energy consumption and utility expenditures.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposal was posted on the GCRTA website and advertised in the local newspapers. Ten (10) potential vendors downloaded the package and two proposals were received on September 7, 2005. After evaluation by a panel of Authority employees in accordance with established Procurement Department policies and procedures, and after negotiations, the proposal of C.J. Brown Energy Engineering & Architecture, P.C., was determined to be in the Authority’s best interest for the furnishing of energy conservation services. C.J. Brown Energy Engineering & Architecture, P.C. has experience working with many different types of organizations including universities, municipalities, public housing authorities, police and fire departments, manufacturing, hospitals and occupational health providers.

 A cost/price analysis has been performed and the Procurement Department has determined that the proposal of C.J. Brown Energy Engineering & Architecture, P.C. is 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 certified DBE firms.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This procurement will be funded through the RTA Capital Fund, Engineering and Project Development Department budget, in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand & 00/100 dollars (\$150,000.00).
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this proposal. Rejection of this proposal would not allow for the professional services required to address continually increasing energy costs.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was reviewed by the Board of Trustees Finance Committee at their March 14, 2006 meeting and recommended for approval to the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the offer of C.J. Brown Energy Engineering & Architecture, P.C., 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