

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-159

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2006-058 WITH RICHARD FLEISCHMAN PARTNERS ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR PROJECT 24Q – ARCHITECTURAL/ ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FINAL DESIGN OF THE BUCKEYE WOODHILL RAPID TRANSIT STATION ADA COMPLIANCE RECONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,954.10 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority deems it necessary to procure Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services for the Final Design of the Buckeye Woodhill Rapid Transit Station Reconstruction, as described under Project 24Q; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Richard Fleischman Partners Architects, Inc. with an office located at 1025 Huron Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 to perform said services was received on June 21, 2006, in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, an amount of \$325,954.10 was agreed upon and Richard Fleischman Partners Architects, Inc. was determined to be the most technically qualified firm offering to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of Richard Fleischman Partners Architects, Inc., 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 Richard Fleischman Partners Architects, Inc., as negotiated, to perform A/E Final Design Services under Project 24HQ– A/E Services for the Final Design of the Buckeye Woodhill Rapid Transit Station Reconstruction be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Richard Fleischman Partners Architects, Inc. for the performance of said services.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Programming & Planning Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-03-0226 in an amount of \$325,954.10 (\$260,763.28 in Federal funds, which represents 80% of the total cost).

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 2006-077; bonding and insurance requirements; and all applicable laws relating to the contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects Richard Fleischman Partners Architects, Inc. to exceed the 20% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: September 19, 2006

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President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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	Date: September 14, 2006
	Initiator: Programming & Planning Department
<b>ACTION REQUEST:</b> <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 to provide A/E Services for the Final Design of the Buckeye Woodhill Rapid Transit Station Reconstruction, Project 24Q.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** Project 24Q consists of preliminary and final design and engineering efforts required to reconstruct the Buckeye Woodhill Rapid Transit Station. This project will allow access to station platform, train and facilities with the installation of an elevator, lifts, mini-platforms and/or ramps and other modifications such as signage, lighting, tactile warning strips, etc. These modifications will be in coordination with modifications necessary to make the trains accessible to the disabled.

This is a Key Station and part of the Authority's ADA Voluntary Compliance Agreement, which requires it to meet Americans' with Disabilities Act standards. This project is included in the Capital Budget, the Long Range Plan, the Authority's and NOACA's Transportation Improvement Plan.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposal was posted on the GCRTA web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Thirty-four prospective proposers downloaded this solicitation. Four proposals were received on June 21, 2006.

These services were solicited through a competitive negotiated procurement, utilizing the Brooks Act procedures. Under this process, the Authority's evaluation panel selects the most technically qualified firms to interview, based on the written proposals received. Interviews are conducted and based on this process the single most technically qualified firm is selected and asked to submit a cost proposal. The Authority then negotiates with that firm. Should the Authority determine that a mutual 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 negotiations were held with the first ranked firm and an acceptable price was reached. A cost analysis was performed and the Procurement Department has determined the negotiated price to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 20% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Richard Fleischman Partners Architects, Inc. has committed to meet the DBE goal through the utilization of the following firm(s):

Staff Summary & Comments

A/E Services for the Final Design of the Buckeye Woodhill Rapid Transit Station Reconstruction

DBE(s) Name/Address	DBE Category	Scope of Work	Amount	Percent
Polytech, Inc	African American Male	Civil & Design Engineering	\$31,000	9.5%
Sandhu, Inc.	Asian Male	Mechanical & Plumbing Design Engineering	\$16,900	5.2%
HZW Consulting, Inc.	Caucasian Female	Environmental Engineers	\$2,832	0.9%
L.V. Surveying	Caucasian Female	Surveying	\$14,500	4.4%
<b>Total DBE Participation:</b>			<b>\$65,232</b>	<b>20.0%</b>

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 Capital Grant OH-03-0226, Line Item 12.31.02, in the amount of \$325,954.10 (\$260,763.28 in Federal funds, which represents 80% of the total cost). This amount is 22% below the budget of \$420,000.00 for this project.

7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will impact the design for the reconstruction of the Buckeye Woodhill Rapid Transit Station and potentially impact the safety and convenience of our customers, employees, and equipment.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was reviewed by the Board of Trustees Planning and Development Committee at their September 5, 2006 meeting and recommended for approval to the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the offer of Richard Fleischman Partners Architects, Inc. 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.

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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer