

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-197

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2006-056 WITH BLUE BIRD COACHWORKS FOR THE FURNISHING OF EIGHT (8) FORTY-FIVE FOOT COMMUTER COACHES WITH AN OPTION TO PROCURE UP TO EIGHTEEN (18) ADDITIONAL COACHES PER YEAR EXERCISED WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS OF CONTRACT EXECUTION INCLUDING SPECIAL TOOLING, SPARE PARTS AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE TRAINING, AT A TOTAL PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$3,254,535.10 FOR THE BASE COACH PURCHASE (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, FLEET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has identified the need to have additional commuter coaches available for Park-N-Ride service and to replace commuter coaches that have exceeded their useful life; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposal of Blue Bird Coachworks, with an office located at One Wanderlodge Way, GA 31030, as negotiated, for the furnishing of eight (8) forty-five foot commuter coaches with an option to procure up to eighteen (18) additional coaches, per year within five (5) years of contract execution including special tooling, spare parts and vehicle maintenance training was received on May 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the proposal of Blue Bird Coachworks, 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 Blue Bird Coachworks, as negotiated, for the furnishing of eight (8) forty-five foot commuter coaches with an option to procure up to eighteen (18) additional coaches per year, within five (5) years of contract execution including special tooling, spare parts and vehicle maintenance training at a price not to exceed \$3,254,535.10 for the eight (8) base coaches including training, tooling and spare parts be and the same is hereby accepted as being in the best interest of the Authority.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Blue Bird Coachworks for the furnishing of eight (8) forty-five foot commuter coaches with an option to procure up to eighteen (18) additional coaches per year, exercised within five (5) years of contract execution at a price not to exceed \$3,254,535.10 for the eight (8) base coaches including vehicle maintenance training, special tooling and spare parts.

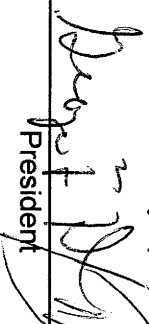
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Fleet Management Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-90-X531, in an amount of \$3,254,535.10 (\$2,688,000.00 in Federal funds) contingent upon FTA approval and release of federal funds for the furnishing of eight (8) forty-five foot commuter coaches including special tooling, spare parts and vehicle maintenance training with an option to procure up to eighteen (18) additional coaches exercised within five (5) years of contract execution. The vehicle cost will be at a total price not to exceed three million forty thousand two hundred thirty-two & 00/100 dollars (\$3,040,232.00). The spare parts, special tooling and vehicle maintenance training will be at a total price not to exceed two hundred fourteen thousand three hundred three & 10/100 dollars (\$214,303.10).

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon appropriation for the current and future contract years and upon compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda; if any, the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2006-77; 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 Blue Bird Coachworks 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: December 19, 2006



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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Resolution No.:	2006-197
Date:	November 16, 2006
Initiator: Fleet Management Department	

ACTION REQUEST:

Approval Review/Comment Information Only Other _____

1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract for eight (8) forty-five foot commuter coaches with an option to procure up to eighteen (18) additional coaches per year, within five (5) years of contract execution, including special tooling, spare parts and vehicle maintenance training.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: This procurement will provide the Authority with an Altoona tested 12 year/500,000 mile vehicle. The new vehicles will feature 57 seats compared to the 45 currently on the commuter coaches and offer improved customer comforts such as reclining seats with fold down trays and foot rests. The vehicle will be equipped with 110v outlets for customers to use during their commute. The engines will operate on ULSD fuel and will be certified to 2007 EPA emission levels. These vehicles will replace buses that have reached the end of their useful life and will provide the most attractive and reliable vehicles available to serve GCRTA's expanded park-n-ride program.

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Notifications were sent to two (2) bus manufacturers whom expressed an interest in the Authority's request for seven (7) forty-five foot commuter coaches. The Request for Proposal was posted on the Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers.

Due to favorable pricing, funding availability and negotiations, the contract will authorize the purchase of eight (8) 45 ft. commuter coaches instead of the seven (7) solicited on the base contract. The negotiated offer of Blue Bird Coachworks to supply these commuter coaches is considered reasonable to the Authority, cost and all other factors considered.

Contract award is contingent upon the successful review of all costs associated with this procurement and compliance with Pre-Award/Buy America Audit requirements.

4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. In accordance with Federal Regulations, the Office of Business Development does not establish goals on procurements involving the purchase of Transit Motor Vehicles, since transit vehicle manufacturers are required to establish and submit an annual overall percentage goal to FTA for approval. Blue Bird Coachworks has submitted documentation confirming compliance and participation in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.

5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.

6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Fleet Management Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-90-X531, Line item 11.12.07 in an amount not to exceed \$3,254,535.10 (\$2,688,000.00 in Federal funds) contingent upon FTA approval and release of Federal funds for the furnishing of eight (8) forty-five foot commuter coaches including special tooling, spare parts and vehicle maintenance training with an option to procure up to eighteen (18) additional coaches exercised within five (5) years of contract execution. The vehicle cost will be at a total price not to exceed three million forty thousand two hundred thirty-two & 00/100 dollars (\$3,040,232.00). The spare parts, special tooling and vehicle maintenance training will be at a total price not to exceed two hundred fourteen thousand three hundred three & 10/100 dollars (\$214,303.10). The offer of Blue Bird Coachworks is within ten (10%) of the budgeted estimate and final price will be dependent upon a review of all associated vehicle costs.

7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this award. Rejection of this award would delay the acquisition of replacement buses and could seriously impact ridership.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This contract was reviewed by the Operations Committee at their November 14, 2006 meeting and recommended for approval by the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the proposal of Blue Bird Coachworks, 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