

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-44

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2007-015 WITH NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES, INC. TO FURNISH AIR SPRING/AIR BELLOWS ASSEMBLIES, AS REQUIRED, FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AT A TOTAL PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$215,400.00 (GENERAL FUND, FLEET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority has an ongoing need to replace air spring/air bellows assemblies, as part of the normal maintenance of the vehicles suspension system due to aging; and

WHEREAS, the offer of North American Bus Industries, Inc., located at 1275 S. Houk Road, Delaware, OH 43105, for the furnishing of 600 air spring/air bellows assemblies for use in the Authority's revenue vehicles was received on February 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, North American Bus Industries, Inc., agreed to provide air spring/air bellows assemblies, as required, for a period of two (2) years for a total price not to exceed \$215,400.00, and

WHEREAS, Section 306.43(H)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that competitive bidding is not required when a regional transit authority, after reasonable inquiry, determines that only one source of supply is reasonably available; and

WHEREAS, North American Bus Industries, Inc., has proprietary rights to the components of its air spring/air bellows assembly; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of North American Bus Industries, Inc., as negotiated to be fair and reasonable 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 North American Bus Industries, Inc., as negotiated, for the furnishing of 600 air spring/air bellows assemblies, as required, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a sole source contract with North American Bus Industries, Inc., for the furnishing of 600 air spring/air bellows assemblies, as required, for a period of two (2) years.


Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the General Fund, Fleet Management Department budget, at a total price not to exceed two hundred fifteen thousand four hundred & 00/100 dollars (\$215,400.00).

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon future funding, compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda; 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 contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects that North American Bus Industries, 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: March 27, 2007

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority  
**STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

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	Date: March 22, 2007
	Initiator: Fleet Management Department
ACTION REQUEST: <input 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 sole source requirement contract for the furnishing of 600 air spring/air bellows assemblies on the NABI (2200/2300/2400/2500) fleet of buses.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Authority utilizes air spring/air bellows assemblies in conjunction with other suspension components to provide a smooth and comfortable ride for the passengers. Replacement of the air spring/air bellows assemblies becomes necessary due to aging and normal maintenance of the vehicle.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: This equipment is proprietary to North American Bus Industries, Inc. Ohio Revised Code Section 306.43(H)(2) states that competitive procedures are not required if the purchase consists of goods or services, or any combination thereof, and after reasonable inquiry the board or any officer or employee the board designates finds that only one source of supply is reasonably available.  
  
The Authority will purchase 600 air spring/air bellows assemblies at a unit price of \$179.50 resulting in a total price not to exceed \$215,400.00 for a period of two (2) years. The Authority purchased 500 on the previous contract at the same unit price.  
  
A price analysis was performed and the Procurement Department has determined the negotiated offer 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 certified DBE firms.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement will be funded through the General Fund, Fleet Management Department budget, at a total price not to exceed two hundred fifteen thousand four hundred & 00/100 dollars (\$215,400.00) for a period of two (2) years. The negotiated price is 5% below the budgeted estimate.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would effect the quality of services provided for ridership and could effect the safety of the vehicle.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of North American Bus Industries, 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