

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-143

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2007-85 WITH CLIFTON, WEISS AND ASSOCIATES FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A WIRELESS SURVEILLANCE AND CENTRALIZED PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,271.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, TRANSIT POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has a requirement to obtain consulting services for the purpose of developing a coordinated comprehensive approach to integrating audio technology with its existing security and passenger information systems; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Clifton, Weiss and Associates, Inc. located at 524 Plymouth Road, Box 624, Gwynedd Valley, PA 19437-0639 to provide said services was received on August 21, 2007 in response to a request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, the proposal of Clifton, Weiss and Associates, Inc. to provide these services in an amount not to exceed \$110,271.00 was determined to be the most advantageous to the Authority, cost and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the negotiated offer of Clifton, Weiss and Associates, Inc. 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 Clifton, Weiss and Associates, Inc., as negotiated, to provide consulting services to develop a comprehensive security and passenger information system to address public service announcements 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 contract with Clifton, Weiss and Associates, Inc. to provide such consulting services.


Section 3. That said contract shall be payable out of the RTA Development Fund, Transit Police Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds, in an amount not to exceed one hundred ten thousand two hundred seventy-one & 00/100 dollars (\$110,271.00). These funds will be reimbursable through the 2005 Transit Security Grant.

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 2007-64; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

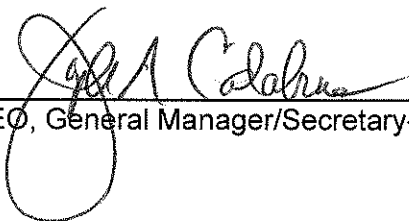
Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects Clifton, Weiss and Associates, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 10% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: October 16, 2007



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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	Date: October 11, 2007
	Initiator: Transit Police Department
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1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract for a consultant to develop a comprehensive approach to its audio communications.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Authority has a need to enhance its security and customer information systems with audio capability. The project approach will be to develop a comprehensive integration of audio technology into the existing paging systems, passenger information system to include ADA voice compliance, CCTV, fiber optics, mesh radio, and recording devices. The enhancements will be accomplished in four (4) phases. This procurement covers Phase I and Phase II.

In Phase I, the consultant will conduct an assessment to identify the Authority's needs and existing infrastructure by conducting a scope review of the project; assessing the state of the current system; interviewing stakeholders and assessing their needs; identifying the interaction between stakeholders and identifying their priorities and reporting on these findings.

Phase II is the developmental phase of the project and the consultant will produce alternative conceptual designs based on the findings of Phase I and report on both tactical and strategic design alternatives.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on the procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Seven (7) prospective proposers downloaded the solicitation and two (2) responded on August 21, 2007. After evaluation by a panel of Authority employees in accordance with established Procurement Department policies and procedures and after negotiations, the proposal of Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc. to provide these consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$110,271.00 was selected as the most advantageous to the Authority.

Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc. specializes in telecommunications planning, design and construction for transportation agencies. They have worked on the ECTP Communications System Design for the Authority and on the development of a fiber optic backbone voice, data and video communication design for the Ohio Turnpike Commission.

A cost analysis has been performed and the Procurement Department has determined the price of Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc. is fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action and EEO requirements have been met. A 10% DBE goal was established for this procurement. The prime contractor, Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc., is a Certified DBE firm and will perform 100% of the contract with its own workforce.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This contract will be funded through the RTA Development Fund, Transit Police Department budget including but not limited to 100% Local funds, in an amount not to exceed one hundred ten thousand two hundred seventy-one & 00/100 dollars (\$110,271.00). These funds will be reimbursable through the 2005 Transit Security Grant. The negotiated price is approximately 3% below the budgeted amount for this project.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will leave the Authority without an effective way to communicate to its diverse customer base.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was reviewed by the Board of Trustees Operations Committee at their October 2, 2007 meeting and recommended for approval to the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the offer of Clifton, Weiss & Associates, 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.



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer