

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-4

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2007-125 WITH TRAUNER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., FOR ON CALL CLAIMS CONSULTING SERVICES FOR TWO YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 (RTA CAPITAL AND/OR RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has the need to contract with a firm to provide Claims Consulting Services that can be quickly assigned as projects are identified and/or specialized support is required; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Trauner Consulting Services, Inc., with an office located at 1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd; Philadelphia, PA 19103, to perform said services was received on December 17, 2007, in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, Trauner Consulting Services, Inc. has agreed to perform the required services for the negotiated labor rates to be used in subsequent task orders at a total price not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand & 00/100 dollars (\$150,000.00) for a period of 24 months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems Trauner Consulting Services, Inc. to be the most qualified firm to provide said services and finds the negotiated hourly rates to be fair and reasonable for those services and, therefore, 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 negotiated offer of Trauner Consulting Services, Inc. to provide various task order services for On Call Claims Consultant Services be and 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 Trauner Consulting Services, Inc. for the performance of said services.

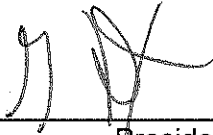
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Capital and/or Development Funds, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to 100% local and future funds to be determined, in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand & 00/100 dollars (\$150,000.00) for a period of 24 months.

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon appropriation of funds for future years; 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 the contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects that Trauner Consulting Services, 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: January 22, 2008

  
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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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	<b>Date:</b> January 17, 2008
	<b>Initiator:</b> Engineering & Project Development
<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 for On Call Claims Consulting Services for a period of 24 months.
  
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Authority requires Claims Consultant Services that can be quickly assigned as projects are identified and/or specialized support is required. The On Call Claims Consultant will help expedite resolution of disputes that may occur due to a high volume of ongoing design and construction contracts over the next 24 months. Services of the consultant will be requested and funded on a task order basis, including, but not limited to, task orders involving the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project, ADA Station Rehabilitation Program, and other Capital Improvement Program projects. The total of all task orders issued for the performance of this contract shall not exceed \$150,000.00 for the base term of the contract.
  
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request For Proposal (RFP) was posted on the procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Four proposals were received in response to this RFP. After evaluation by a panel of authority employees in accordance with established Procurement Department policies and procedures, and after negotiations, the proposal of Trauner Consulting Services, Inc. to provide oncall Claims Consulting Services for a period of two years was selected as the most advantageous to the Authority.
 

Trauner Consulting Services, Inc. is a multi-disciplined group of construction claims professionals whose primary business is claims analysis. They have 25 years experience in this field and have analyzed and resolved claims on a wide variety of transit, transportation, and construction projects. Assignments include claims consulting, dispute resolution, litigation support, expert testimony, and technical documentation development. They have a national clientele and maintain offices in Philadelphia, Orlando, and San Diego.

A cost analysis was performed, and the Procurement Department has determined the negotiated rates for each task to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.
  
- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 10% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Trauner Consulting Services has committed to achieve the DBE goal through the utilization of Resource International, Inc. (Female owned) in the amount of \$15,000.00
  
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.

- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This contract shall be payable from the RTA Capital and/or Development Funds, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to 100% local and future funds to be determined, in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand & 00/100 dollars (\$150,000.00) for a period of 24 months.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will delay the resolution of disputes that may occur due to the high volume of ongoing design and construction contracts.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of Trauner Consulting Services, 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