

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-41

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2007-152 WITH BIALOSKY + PARTNERS ARCHITECTS, LLC FOR PROJECT 24S – A/E SERVICES FOR THE LEE/VAN AKEN STATION RECONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,000.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET).

WHEREAS, the Authority deems it necessary to procure A/E Services for the Lee/Van Aken Station Reconstruction, as described under Project 24S; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Bialosky + Partners Architects, LLC with offices located at 2775 South Moreland Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44120 to perform said services was received on January 24, 2008 in response to a request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, an amount of three hundred twenty-five thousand & 00/100 dollars (\$325,000.00) was agreed upon and Bialosky + Partners Architects, LLC was determined to be the most technically qualified firm offering to perform said services; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of Bialosky, 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 Bialosky + Partners Architects, LLC, as negotiated, to perform said services under Project 24S – A/E Services for the Lee/Van Aken 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 Bialosky + Partners Architects, LLC for the performance of said services.

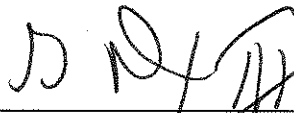
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Engineering and Project Development budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-05-0090 in the amount of \$325,000.00 (\$260,000.00 in Federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).


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 2007-064; 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 Bialosky +Partners Architects, LLC to exceed the 20% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: March 18, 2008

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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	Date: March 13, 2008
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development
ACTION REQUEST: <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 Project 25S – A/E Services for the Lee/Van Aken Station Reconstruction.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: This project is for Architect/Engineer Services for the Lee/Van Aken Station Reconstruction. Bialosky + Partners Architects, LLC will provide a unique blend of innovative transit area planning, architectural and design the reconstruction of the Shaker Heights Lee/Van Aken Station. The design will include rail station elements such as track, signal and other physical requirements, such as, multi-modal and bus facility planning into the final design. Safety is a key factor of the design to allow visual integrity for the station platforms from its surrounding environment. Bus and pedestrian right of ways to allow easy access and departure will also be incorporated into the design. The design will also build on the historical anchors of the city of Shaker Heights and its long-standing transit relationship with GCRTA.

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: A Request for Proposal was posted on the GCRTA procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Solicitations were downloaded from the web site by approximately one hundred eight prospective proposers. Five (5) technical proposals were received on January 24, 2008.

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 could not 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. Bialosky + Partners, LLC has committed to achieving the goal through the utilization of the following DBE Firms:

Company Name	DBE Description	Work to be Performed	Cost
Lawhon & Associates, Inc.	Female	Environmental Engineering	\$6,500
Regency Construction Services	Hispanic	Cost Estimating & Scheduling	\$22,750
LV Surveying, Inc.	Hispanic	Surveying	\$6,500
Sandhu & Associates	Asian Pacific	Mechanical Engineering	\$19,500
Calvin A. Singleton & Assoc	African American	Construction Admin Support	\$9,750
		Total	\$65,000 (20%)

5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.

6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-05-0090, Line 12.31.02 Item in the amount of \$325,000.00 (\$260,000.00 in Federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).

7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will impact the Authority's goal to upgrade this vital rail transportation Hub on the Blue Line.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This contract was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee at their March 4, 2008 meeting and recommended for approval by the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the offer of Bialosky + Partners Architects, LLC 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