

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-8

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2008-273 WITH AARON LANDSCAPING, INC. TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR THE NON-RAIL LOCATIONS, AS SPECIFIED, FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD WITH TWO, ONE YEAR OPTIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$313,485.00 FOR THE BASE CONTRACT AND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$104,495.00 FOR EACH OPTION YEAR FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$522,475.00 (GENERAL FUND, SERVICE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has a requirement to obtain a full range of landscaping and turf maintenance services, as specified, for a three year period with two one year options for the period beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013 at approximately 40 non-rail locations in the Greater Cleveland area; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Aaron Landscaping Inc., located at 3001 Towpath, Broadview Heights, OH 44147 for the furnishing of landscaping services for the 40 non-rail locations was received on December 23, 2008, at unit prices resulting in an amount not to exceed \$104,495.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the bid of Aaron Landscaping Inc. to be a responsive bid from a responsible bidder 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 bid of Aaron Landscaping Inc. for providing landscaping services, as specified, for a three year period with two, one year options 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 Aaron Landscaping Inc. for the furnishing of landscaping services, as specified, for a three year period with the authority to exercise two, one year options.

Section 3. That the contract shall be payable out of the General Fund, Service Management Department budget in an annual amount not to exceed three hundred thirteen thousand four hundred eighty-five & 00/100 dollars (\$313,485.00) for the base three years and in an amount not to exceed one hundred four thousand four hundred ninety-five & 00/100 dollars (\$104,495.00) for each option year for a total contract amount not to exceed five hundred twenty-two thousand four hundred seventy-five & 00/100 dollars (\$522,475.00).

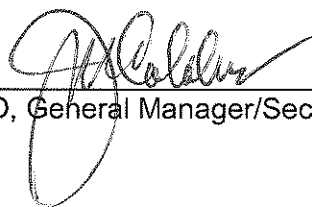
Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon funding for future years and compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2008-061, bonding and 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 Aaron Landscaping Inc. will attempt to exceed the 15% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: February 17, 2009

  
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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> February 12, 2009
	<b>Initiator:</b> Service Management Department
<b>ACTION REQUEST:</b> <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 contract for the furnishing of a full range of landscaping and turf maintenance services, for the east side and west side non-rail locations beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013 at approximately 40 Authority locations identified in Attachment A.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** Landscaping at the various GCRTA locations is an integral aspect of maintaining the public image of the Authority and it is required for compliance with laws and regulations. These services are for the non-rail locations of the Authority that require landscape services on the East and West side of the Greater Cleveland area.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Invitation for Bid (IFB) was posted on the procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Twenty-seven companies downloaded the bid package and all were qualified to perform these services. Four bids were received for this solicitation as follows:


<u>Firm</u>	<u>Eastside</u>	<u>Westside</u>	<u>Yearly Total</u>	<u>Total Contract Amount</u>
Aaron Landscaping, Inc. 3001 Towpath Broadview Heights, OH 44147	\$54,764.00	\$49,731.00	\$104,495.00	\$522,475.00
All Season Landscaping 5000 Van Epps Cleveland, OH 44131	\$64,735.00	\$54,360.00	\$119,095.00	\$595,095.00
Yardmaster, Inc. 1447 North Ridge Rd. Painesville, OH 44077	\$69,177.00	\$62,748.00	\$131,925.00	\$659,625.00
Thomas Landscaping 3690 East 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street Cleveland, Ohio 44105	\$70,950.00		\$ 70,950.00	\$354,750.00

This bid contained an emergency contingency of \$5,000 per year for emergency maintenance items outside the specifications that are required (i.e. filling in turf ruts created by vehicles, replacing plantings, mulching etc.).

Aaron Landscaping, Inc. is a Cuyahoga County based landscaping firm that has been in business since 1988. They have previously provided services to the Authority on the upgrade of the Avalon pocket of Shaker Square and have done contract work for the cities of Cleveland, Hudson, Shaker Heights, Macedonia and Twinsburg, as well as, the Cleveland Port Authority.

- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 15% DBE goal was established for this procurement.. Aaron's Landscaping, Inc. has committed to achieving the goal through the utilization of J&S Company (African American-owned) in the amount of \$78,370 or 15%.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement will be funded through the General Fund, Service Management Department budget in an annual amount not to exceed three hundred thirteen thousand four hundred eighty-five & 00/100 dollars (\$313,485.00) for the base three years and in an amount not to exceed one hundred four thousand four hundred ninety-five & 00/100 (\$104,495.00) for each option year for a total base contract amount not to exceed five hundred twenty-two thousand four hundred seventy-five & 00/100 dollars (\$522,475.00).
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this bid. Rejection of this award would delay procurement of this service and cause the Authority to be without landscaping services at the non-rail locations.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the bid of Aaron Landscaping Inc. to provide Landscaping services for the Authority's locations be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to enter into a contract.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A – Landscape Locations.

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

## ATTACHMENT "A"

## NON-RAIL LANDSCAPE LOCATIONS

	<u>EASTSIDE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
E. 1	E. 105 Loop - Dupont Loop Comfort Station	10529 DuPont Avenue
E. 2	E. 110 Loop Comfort Station	495 East 110th Street
E. 3	E. 118 Loop Comfort Station	1649 East 118th Street
E. 4	E. 129 Loop Comfort Station	12830 St. Clair Street
E. 5	E. 153 Loop Comfort Station	St. Clair Street and E. 153
E. 6	E. 222 Loop Comfort Station	1551 East 222nd Street
E. 7	Euclid Transit Center	23900 St. Clair Avenue
E. 8	Hayden Garage	1661 Hayden Avenue
E. 9	E. 131 & Miles Loop Comfort Station	13117 Caine Avenue
E.10	E. 130 & Corlett Loop Comfort Station	12820 Corlett Avenue
E.11	Harvard Garage	2501 Harvard Avenue
E.12	Oakwood Loop Comfort Station	26472 Broadway
E.13	Turney Loop Comfort Station	4455 Turney Road
E.14	War Loop Comfort Station	6922 War Avenue
E.15	West Side of the Dunham Tavern Museum	6611 Euclid Avenue 1965 E 66th. Street Rear Building
E.16	East Side of the Dunham Tavern Museum	6809 Euclid Avenue
E.17	Construction Site Property	5508 - 5810 Euclid Avenue
E.18	Community Responsive Transit & Revenue	4601 Euclid Avenue
E.19	E. 79 & Maude Loop Comfort Station	940 Maude Avenue
E.20	E. 83 & Central Loop Comfort Station	8301 Central Avenue
E.21	Aetna Loop Comfort Station	3720 East 93rd Street
E.22	Central Bus Maintenance Facility	2500 Woodhill Road
E.23	E. 159 Loop Comfort Station	15900 Chagrin
E.24	Woodhill Garage	2440 Woodhill Road
E.25	Southgate	5499 Warrensville Center Road

ATTACHMENT A

NON-RAIL LANDSCAPE LOCATIONS

	<u>WESTSIDE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
W. 1	Cordova Loop	17118 Madison Avenue
W. 2	Triskett / W. 139	13820 Triskett Road
W. 3	Triskett Garage	13405 Lakewood Hts. Blvd.
W. 4	Westgate Transit Center	21159 Center Ridge
W. 5	Westpark Training Center	14510 Lorain Avenue
W. 6	Brooklyn	4371 Pearl Road
W. 7	Denison Loop Comfort Station	7201 Denison Avenue
W. 8	Drake & Howe Loop Comfort Station	Howe & Drake Road
W. 9	Sprague & Fair Loop Comfort Station	Sprague Road and Fair Road
W.10	Strongsville Park & Ride Comfort Station	At Turnpike Exit 10, across from Metro Park Ranger Station
W.11	W. 33 Loop Comfort Station	3230 Brookpark Road
W.12	Westlake Park & Ride Comfort Station	Sperry Rd. between Claugue and Columbia, off I-90
W.13	North Olmsted Transit Center	5575 Great Northern Blvd.
W.14	Rocky River Loop Comfort Station	18856 Detroit Avenue
W.15	Parma Transit Center	7701 Day Drive