

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-77

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2012-088 WITH PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF TO CONDUCT REGIONAL TRANSIT MODELING SUPPORT AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$248,974.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is required by federal law to have a valid travel demand model in order to qualify for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts funding and other FTA grant funding; and

WHEREAS, this Regional Transit Modeling Support will provide a means of processing data necessary to maintain a fully functioning and certified travel demand model; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2012-23 authorized an Interagency Agreement between GCRTA and NOACA, Laketran, Geauga County Transit, Medina County Transit, Brunswick Transit, and Lorain County Transit for the purpose of conducting a Regional On-Board Transit Survey and updating the NOACA travel demand model; and

WHEREAS, the offer of Parsons Brinckerhoff, with an office located at 614 West Superior Ave, Suite 400, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 to provide this service was received on July 19, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of Parsons Brinckerhoff, after negotiations, to be advantageous to the Authority and NOACA 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 proposal submitted by Parsons Brinckerhoff, as modified by negotiations, to perform Regional Transit Modeling Support be and the same is hereby accepted as in the best interest of the Authority and NOACA.

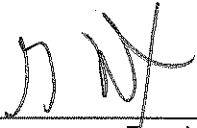
Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority is authorized to enter into a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff to conduct Regional Transit Modeling Support.


Section 3. That said contract shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department budget, out of the NOACA STP funds that have been transferred from FHWA to FTA, including but not limited to FTA Capital Grant OH-95-X120, in an amount not to exceed \$248,974.00 (\$199,179.20 in Federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost). The GCRTA will be the sponsor of the interagency agreement project which is using STP funds. Local match will be provided by Laketran (\$2,000), GCRTA (\$24,000) and NOACA (\$24,000).

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, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2012-036; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: September 18, 2012

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>CONTRACT:</b> REGIONAL TRANSIT MODELING SUPPORT  <b>VENDOR:</b> PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF  <b>AMOUNT:</b> NTE \$248,974.00	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2012-77
	<b>Date:</b> September 13, 2012
	<b>Initiator:</b> Programming and Planning
<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/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract for regional transit modeling support to perform calibration and validation of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's (NOACA) regional travel model to improve transit rider forecasts and enhance the region's ability to compete for New Starts funding distributed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The model update will use the on-board transit survey data collected in an upcoming regional survey effort.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The project's primary focus is to update transit network and access coding, transit path-building, and mode choice modeling so that the travel demand model can properly represent the transit market, travel patterns and modes. The overall goal is to enhance the region's ability to compete for New Start/Small Starts/Very Small Starts funding distributed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Under Resolution No. 2012-23, the Board of Trustees authorized the Authority to enter into an interagency agreement with NOACA, Laketran, Geauga County Transit, Medina County Public Transit, Brunswick Transit Alternative, and Lorain County Transit for the purpose of conducting a Regional Transit On-Board Survey and updating the NOACA travel demand model. The survey work was awarded under Resolution 2012-71; the modeling work has been solicited as a separate project. GCRTA is responsible for the procurement of the vendor, administration of the contract, and management of the project, under the direction of a Technical Committee comprised of NOACA Transit Council, a representative from ODOT technical staff and FTA. The Request For Proposal (RFP) was posted on the GCRTA Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Twenty (20) prospective proposers downloaded the solicitation and four (4) proposals were received. After evaluation by a panel of Authority and NOACA employees in accordance with established Procurement Department policies and procedures, and after negotiations, the proposal of Parsons Brinckerhoff was determined to be the most advantageous to the Authority. An amount not to exceed \$248,974.00 was agreed upon.

A cost analysis has been performed and the Procurement Department has determined that the contract agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff is fair, reasonable, and advantageous for the Authority and NOACA.

4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** The Office of Business Development does not conduct Affirmative Action reviews of set DBE participation goals on Interagency Government Agreements.

- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The contract will be funded through the RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department budget, with NOACA STP funds that have been transferred from FHWA to FTA, including but not limited to FTA Capital Grant OH-95-X120, Line item 44.27.00, in an amount not to exceed \$248,974.00 (\$199,179.20 in Federal funds, which represents 80% of the total cost). This price is 1.0 % below the budgeted amount. The GCRTA will be the sponsor of the interagency agreement project which is using STP funds. Local match will be provided by Laketrans (\$2,000), GCRTA (\$24,000) and NOACA (\$24,000).
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this proposal will threaten the ability of transit agencies in the NOACA region to obtain federal New Starts and other grant funding.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement is scheduled to be discussed at the September 18, 2012 Planning and Development Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer of Parsons Brinckerhoff 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