

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2012-162 WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE RED LINE/HEALTHLINE EXTENSION MAJOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ANALYSIS SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,100,000.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is seeking the services of a team of qualified consultants specializing in major transportation investment planning, including Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts/Small Starts process guidance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) alternatives evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of AECOM Technical Services, Inc. located at 1375 East Ninth Street, Suite 2801, Cleveland, Ohio 44114 to provide Red Line/HealthLine extension major transportation improvement analysis services was received on January 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, an amount not to exceed one million one hundred thousand & 00/100 dollars (\$1,100,000.00) was agreed upon; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer has deemed the offer of AECOM Technical Services, Inc., 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 AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to provide Red Line/HealthLine extension major transportation improvement analysis services, as modified by negotiations, 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 AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to provide said services.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable out of the RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department budget, including but not limited to, Capital Grant OH-39-0005 in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 (\$880,000.00 in Federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).

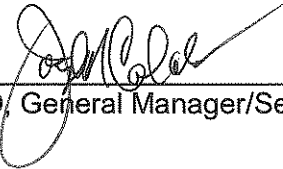
Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon funding for future years, compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution No. 2012-036; bonding and 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 that AECOM Technical Services, Inc. will attempt 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 19, 2013

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>CONTRACT:</b> RED LINE/HEALTHLINE EXTENSION MAJOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ANALYSIS <b>VENDOR:</b> AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. <b>AMOUNT:</b> NTE \$1,100,000.00	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2013-15
	<b>Date:</b> March 14, 2013
	<b>Initiator:</b> Programming and Planning
<b>ACTION REQUEST:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval      Review/Comment      Information Only      Other _____	

1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract for a major transportation improvement analysis to study the extension of the Red Line/HealthLine.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Authority is seeking services from a team of qualified consultants to complete a planning analysis for a major transportation improvement in the eastern portion of our service area, beginning at the eastern terminus of the Red Line heavy rail line.

The tasks involved with the project include project planning and management, public outreach and involvement, development of a purpose and need statement, development and screening of initial alternatives, detailed screening of alternatives, recommendation of a locally preferred alternative, environmental analysis, and FTA New Starts coordination. It is customary for planning services to be contracted out to a consultant, as the work involved with this project is too extensive for in-house staff within their current and projected commitments.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on the procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Twenty-eight prospective proposers downloaded the solicitation and three responded on January 15, 2013. After evaluation by a panel of Authority employees in accordance with established Procurement Department policies and procedures, the proposal of AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to provide Red Line/HealthLine extension major transportation improvement analysis services was determined to be the most advantageous to the Authority. After negotiations, a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 was agreed upon with the Authority.

A cost analysis has been performed and the Procurement Department has determined that the price is 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. AECOM Technical Services, Inc. has agreed to meet the goal through the utilization of the following firms: ASC Group, Inc. (female owned) in the amount of \$89,565, BrownFlynn, Ltd. (female owned) in the amount of \$90,000, and Virginkar & Associates, Inc. (Asian) in the amount of \$49,997 for a total of \$229,562 or 22.9%.

- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement will be funded through the RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department budget, including but not limited to, Capital Grant OH-39-0005, Line Item 44.24.00, in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 (\$880,000.00 in Federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost). This price is approximately 2% below the independent cost estimate for this project.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would delay the Red Line/HealthLine extension major transportation improvement analysis, which in turn, would delay the Authority's ability to provide a higher level of service with enhanced commuter options to and from the eastern edge of the Authority's service area.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees Planning and Development Committee at their March 5, 2013 meeting and recommended for approval to the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the offer of AECOM Technical 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