

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-111

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2013-160 WITH TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION OF OHIO FOR PROJECT 15.23 – ON-CALL RAIL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS (RTA CAPITAL AND/OR RTA DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has the need to contract with a firm to provide On-Call Rail Engineering Services to assist in the preparation of plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction duration estimates and construction support services; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of TranSystems Corporation of Ohio with an office located at 55 Public Square, Suite 1900, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, to perform said services was received on October 16, 2013, in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, TranSystems Corporation of Ohio has agreed to perform the required services for the negotiated labor rates to be used in subsequent task orders in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 for a period of 24 months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of TranSystems Corporation of Ohio to be the most advantageous to the Authority and finds the negotiated hourly rates to be fair and reasonable for said services 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 negotiated offer of TranSystems Corporation of Ohio to provide various task order services under Project 15.23 – On-Call Rail Engineering Services 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 TranSystems Corporation of Ohio for the performance of said services.

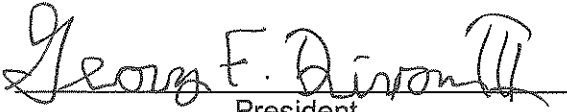
Section 3. That said contact shall be payable from the RTA Capital and/or RTA Development Funds, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds and future Capital Grant funds to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 for a period of 24 months.

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon future funding, compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, thereto, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2013-31; bonding and insurance requirements; and all applicable laws relating to the contractual obligations of the Authority.

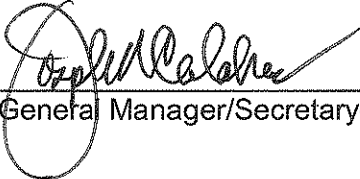
Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects that TranSystems Corporation of Ohio will attempt to exceed the 12% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: November 19, 2013


President

Attest:


CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: PROJECT 15.23 ON-CALL RAIL ENGINEERING SERVICES VENDOR: TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION OF OHIO AMOUNT: \$350,000 FOR 24 MONTH PERIOD	Resolution No.: 2013-111
	Date: November 14, 2013
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development
ACTION REQUEST: <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 On-Call Rail Engineering Services for a period of 24 months.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Authority requires rail engineering services to prepare plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction duration estimates and construction support services for projects assigned by GCRTA's Engineering Project Manager. These projects will involve some, or all of the following, engineering design efforts: track, overhead catenary, signals and fiber optic communication systems. Projects could involve any of the GCRTA's rail lines, electrical substations or yards. Projects would principally involve repair and/or updating of various aspects of the rail line.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on the GCRTA Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. These services were solicited through a competitive negotiated procurement, utilizing the Brooks Act Procedures. Under this process, the Authority's evaluation panel first selects the most technically qualified firm, solicits a pricing proposal from that firm and negotiates only with that firm. Should the Authority determine that an 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.

TranSystems Corporation of Ohio has successfully completed projects for the Greater Cleveland RTA, Central Ohio Transit Authority, Stark Area Regional Transit Authority, Ohio Department of Transportation and City of Chicago DOT. They also have Parsons Brinckerhoff, a well-respected architectural/engineering firm, as one of their subcontractors on this project.

4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 12% DBE goal was established for this procurement. TranSystems Corporation of Ohio has committed to meeting the DBE goal through the utilization of Denise's Flagging and Construction (Female-owned), KS Associates (Female-owned), and Somat Engineering of Ohio (Asian Indian) in a total amount of \$42,000. The amount will be assigned to individual DBE companies according to the specific type of work requested by GCRTA under the contract.

5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.

- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This contract shall be payable from the RTA Capital and/or RTA Development Funds, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds and future Capital Grant funds to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 for a period of 24 months. This is the budgeted amount for this project.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will create undue hardship on GCRTA's Engineering Department due to their existing workload, as well as, the need for technical expertise outside of their knowledge base.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This project was discussed at the November 19, 2013 Planning and Development Committee meeting and recommended for approval to the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the offer of TranSystems Corporation of Ohio 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.



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer