

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-29

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2014-033 WITH THOMAS BROTHERS LANDSCAPING, INC. TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR THE RAIL LOCATIONS, AS SPECIFIED, FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD WITH TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS IN AN NOT TO EXCEED \$219,615.00 FOR THE BASE THREE YEARS AND IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$73,205.00 FOR EACH OPTION YEAR FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$366,025.00 (GENERAL FUND, RAIL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority requires a full range of landscaping and turf maintenance services, as specified, for a three year period with two, one-year options at approximately thirty-eight rail locations in the Greater Cleveland area; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Thomas Brothers Landscaping, Inc. located at 3690 East 103rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44105, for the furnishing of said services was received on March 28, 2014 at prices resulting in an amount not to exceed \$219,615.00 for a three year period and in an amount not to exceed \$73,205.00 for each option year for a total contract amount not to exceed \$366,025.00; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the bid of Thomas Brothers 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 Thomas Brothers Landscaping, Inc. to provide landscaping services for the rail locations, as specified, for a three year period, with two, one-year options be and the same in 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 Thomas Brothers 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 said contract shall be payable from the General Fund, Rail District Department budget in an amount not to exceed \$219,615.00 for a period of three years and in an amount not to exceed \$73,205.00 for each option year for a total contract amount not to exceed \$366,025.00

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon appropriation of funds 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. 2013-031; 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 Thomas Brothers Landscaping, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 25% minimum DBE goal assigned to this project.

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

Adopted: April 15, 2014



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR RAIL LOCATIONS FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD WITH TWO, ONE-YEAR OPTIONS VENDOR: THOMAS BROTHERS LANDSCAPING, INC. AMOUNT: AMOUNT NTE \$219,615.00 FOR THE BASE THREE YEARS AND IN AN AMOUNT NTE \$73,205.00 FOR EACH OPTION YEAR, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NTE \$366,025.00	Resolution No.: 2014-29
	Date: April 10, 2014
	Initiator: Rail District
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 to provide a full range of landscaping and turf maintenance services, as specified, for the east and west side rail locations for a period of three years with two, one-year options.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** Landscaping at approximately thirty-eight 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 rail locations of the GCRTA that require landscape services on the East, West and Shaker Square areas.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Invitation for Bid was posted on the GCRTA web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Notification was also sent to forty-three potential vendors. Fourteen potential vendors downloaded the bid packages with two bidders responding. Bids were opened on March 28, 2014 with the following results for the base three year period:

<u>Company</u>	<u>3 Year Bid Amount</u>
Thomas Brothers Landscaping, Inc. 3690 E. 103rd Street Cleveland, Ohio 44105	\$219,615.00
Caver Brothers, Inc. 3770 E. 93rd Street Cleveland, OH 44105	\$427,800.00

This bid contained an emergency contingency of \$15,000 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.).

The Basis of Award is to the lowest responsive and responsible bid received from a responsible bidder. The bid of Thomas Brothers Landscaping, Inc. has been determined by the Procurement Department to be a responsive bid from a responsible bidder.

A price analysis has been performed and the Procurement Department has determined that the price is fair and reasonable to the Authority based upon historic pricing.

- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A DBE goal of 25% was established for this procurement. Thomas Brothers Landscaping, Inc. is a certified DBE (African-American) firm, and will perform 100% of the work with its own forces.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The contract will be funded through the General Fund, Rail District Department budget, in an amount not to exceed \$219,615.00.00 for the base three years and in an amount not to exceed \$73,205.00.00 for each option year for a total contract amount not to exceed \$366,025.00. This price is 19% below the budgeted amount for this project
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would delay the procurement of these services resulting in the Authority being without landscaping services at the Rail locations.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of Thomas Brothers Landscaping, 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.



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer