

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-92

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2015-097 WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, LLC FOR PROJECT 16.23 – EVALUATION OF TRACK BRIDGES OVER LORAIN AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$261,000.00. (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority needs to contract with a firm to provide Evaluation of Track Bridges over Lorain Avenue, as described under Project 16.23; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Michael Baker International, LLC, with an office located at 1228 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1050, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, to perform said services was received on July 2, 2015, in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, Michael Baker International, LLC has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$261,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of Michael Baker International, LLC to be the most advantageous to 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 negotiated offer of Michael Baker International, LLC to provide engineering services under Project 16.23 – Evaluation of Track Bridges over Lorain Avenue 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 Michael Baker International, LLC for the performance of said services.

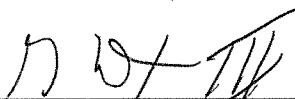
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to, Capital Grant OH-05-0103, in an amount not to exceed \$261,000.00 (\$208,800.00 in Federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).

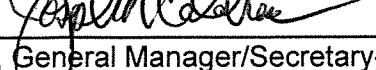
Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, thereto, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2015-76; bonding and insurance requirements; 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 Michael Baker International, LLC 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: October 20, 2015

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>CONTRACT:</b> PROJECT 16.23 – EVALUATION OF TRACK BRIDGES OVER LORAIN AVENUE <b>VENDOR:</b> MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, LLC <b>AMOUNT:</b> NOT TO EXCEED \$261,000.00	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2015-92
	<b>Date:</b> October 15, 2015
	<b>Initiator:</b> Engineering & Project Development
<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 Project 16.23 - Evaluation of Track Bridges over Lorain Avenue.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Authority will procure Architectural/Engineering services with a firm experienced in Bridge Inspection, Load Rating, and Design. The firm will also obtain a qualified subcontractor with experience performing Destructive Testing of existing structural steel to determine tensile strength, yield strength, and fracture toughness for the evaluation of the GCRTA twin transit track bridges over Lorain Ave. on the heavy rail Red Line. The bridge superstructures and piers were constructed in 1967.
- 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. Michael Baker International, LLC has successfully completed projects for GCRTA, Ohio Department of Transportation, City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet among others. The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposed pricing to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.
- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 15% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Michael Baker International has committed to achieving the DBE participation goal through the utilization of KS Associates (Female-owned) in the amount of \$34,600.00, Denise's Flagging and Construction Services (Female-owned) in the amount of \$1,020.00, and American Roadway Logistics (Female-owned) in the amount of \$9,800.00 for a total of \$45,420.00 or 17.4%.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to, Capital Grant OH-05-0103, in an amount not to exceed \$261,000.00 (\$208,800.00 in Federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will delay the evaluation of this bridge.

- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Planning and Development Committee at their October 13, 2015 meeting. It is recommended that the offer of Michael Baker International, LLC, 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