

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-66

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2017-086 WITH CINCINNATI BELL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE NEXT GENERATION TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$186,574.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has the need to provide telephone service throughout the Authority; and

WHEREAS, such service is available through the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions, with an office located at 400 Metro Place, N. Dublin, OH 43017, has offered to provide such service for a total negotiated contract amount not to exceed \$186,574.00 for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 306.43(H)(4) permits a regional transit authority to participate in said program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees authorized utilization of the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program in Resolution 1990-69; and

WHEREAS, the CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems it in the best interest of the Authority to utilize the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program for obtaining said service 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 from Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions to provide Next Generation Telephone System services for one year, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions to provide said services.

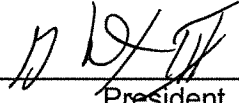
Section 3. That said contract is entered into under the authority granted by Ohio Revised Code Section 306.43(H)(4) and under the terms of the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Section 4. This contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Information Technology Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds, at a total price not to exceed \$186,574.00.

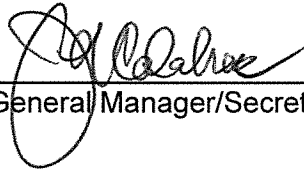
Section 5. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution No. 2015-076; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

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

Adopted: August 15, 2017



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEXT GENERATION TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR VENDOR: CINCINNATI BELL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$186,574.00	Resolution No.: 2017-66
	Date: August 10, 2017
	Initiator: Information Technology
	ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This resolution will authorize the Authority to enter into a contract for the purchase of Next Generation Telephone Services for one year through the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** To meet the communication needs for the GCRTA, the IT Department historically operated and maintained a substantial network of Private Branch Exchange Telephone switches, otherwise known as PBX's for critical internal and external voice communication. The cost to procure and maintain these systems was high and the opportunity for Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity was low. Therefore, in 2016 the IT Department tested and evaluated a hosted telephony solution called Next Generation Telephone System, or NGTS, offered by Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions, under the State of Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Program. During a pilot program the system was found to be very capable and full featured, and the IT Steering Committee directed the IT Department to move forward.

 On November 15, 2016, the Board of Trustees authorized Contract No. 2016-131 for the purchase of hardware for the phone system implementation and data network switches for the LAN implementation program pursuant to Resolution No. 2016-103. The implementation of the new system has proceeded and the Authority is now ready to purchase the first full year of telephone service.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Section 306.43(H)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code provides political subdivisions within the State of Ohio the opportunity to participate in contracts negotiated and executed by the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of supplies, services, equipment and certain materials. The Board of Trustees has authorized the CEO, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer to utilize such contracts by Resolution No. 1990-69. The State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program includes a contract with Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions for NGTS Telephone Service under State Term Schedule No. MCSA00003.

 A cost analysis was performed by the Procurement Department and it has been determined that the price is fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** The Office of Business Development does not conduct Affirmative Action reviews or set DBE participation goals on procurements included in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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

- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Information Technology Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds, at a total price not to exceed \$186,574.00. This price is approximately 15% below the budgeted amount for this purchase.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would disrupt crucial communication services within every aspect of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Mission: To provide Safe, Reliable, Clean and Courteous Public Transportation.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the negotiated offer of Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions, be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the CEO, 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