

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-26

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2017-122 WITH CLIFTON, WEISS & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROJECT 59 – FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$799,572.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority requires engineering and design services for the assessment, upgrade, and replacement of its fiber optic network and ancillary systems; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc., with an office located at 524 Plymouth Road, Box 639, Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania 19437, to perform said services, was received on November 17, 2017 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc. has agreed to perform the required services for an amount not to exceed \$799,572.00; and

WHEREAS, the CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc. 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 Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc., to provide engineering services under Project 59 – Fiber Optic Communications System Improvements Design, 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 Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc. for the performance of said services.

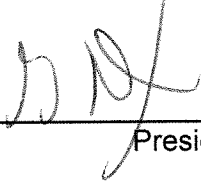
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-90-X809 and Capital Grant OH-2016-054, in an amount not to exceed \$799,572.00 (\$639,657.60 in Federal funds which represents 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 Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 10% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: March 27, 2018

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>CONTRACT:</b> PROJECT 59 – FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN <b>VENDOR:</b> CLIFTON, WEISS & ASSOCIATES, INC. <b>AMOUNT:</b> \$799,572.00	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2018-26
	<b>Date:</b> March 22, 2018
	<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 Fiber Optic Communications System Improvements Design.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This project is to obtain professional services to provide engineering and design services for the assessment, upgrade, and replacement of the fiber optic network and ancillary systems. Many of the components of the current system have reached the end of their service life and are no longer supported or manufactured.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposal (“RFP”) was posted on the GCRTA Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. The solicitation was downloaded by forty-eight interested parties. 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, Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc., and an acceptable price was reached.

A cost analysis was performed and the Procurement Department has determined that the negotiated price for services is fair and reasonable to the Authority.

Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Greater Cleveland RTA, Metrolink in California, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, among others.

4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A DBE participation goal of 10% was established for this procurement. Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc. is the prime contractor and is a DBE firm (Female-owned). The company will self-perform work on the contract totaling \$435,465.00, and Denise's Flagging and Construction Services, Inc. (African American Female-owned) will perform work on the contract in the amount of \$15,000.00, for a total DBE participation of \$447,465.00 or 56%.

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-90-X809 and Capital Grant OH-2016-054, in an amount not to exceed \$799,572.00 (\$639,657.60 in Federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).

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- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will cause the Authority to continue to use a degraded fiber optic communications system.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed at the March 6, 2018 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer of Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc. 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.

*Rajan D. Pantam, ACTING*  
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FOR CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer