

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-41

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2018-019 WITH HWH ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS PLANNERS, INC. FOR PROJECT 17.74 – ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS (RTA CAPITAL AND/OR RTA DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, The Authority requires architectural/engineering services for preparing plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction duration estimates, construction support services and safety certification; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of HWH Architects Engineers Planners, Inc., with an office located at 600 Superior Avenue East, Suite 1100, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, to perform said services was received on April 4, 2018, in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, HWH Architects Engineers Planners, Inc. has agreed to perform the required services for the negotiated labor rates in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for a period of 24 months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of HWH Architects Engineers Planners, Inc. to be the most advantageous to the Authority, 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 HWH Architects Engineers Planners, Inc. to provide various task order services under Project 17.74 – On-Call Architectural/Engineering Services 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 HWH Architects Engineers Planners, Inc. for the performance of said services.

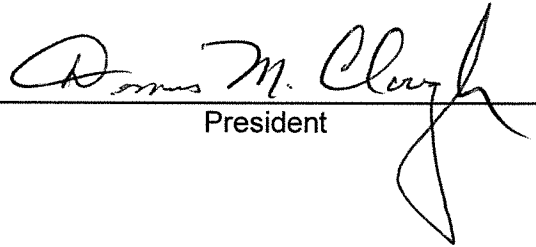
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Capital and/or RTA Development Funds, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds and FTA grants to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for a period of 24 months.

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 2015-76; bonding and insurance requirements; and all applicable laws relating to the contractual obligations of the Authority.

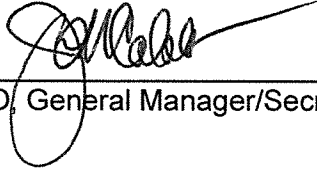
Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects that HWH Architects Engineers Planners, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 10% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: May 15, 2018



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: PROJECT 17.74 - ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES VENDOR: HWH ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS PLANNERS, INC. AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 FOR 24 MONTH PERIOD	Resolution No.: 2018-41
	Date: May 10, 2018
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development
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 action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract for On-Call Architectural/Engineering Services for a period of 24 months.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This project is to obtain professional services to prepare plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction duration estimates, construction support services and safety certification.

- 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 HWH Architects Engineers Planners, Inc., the first ranked firm and an acceptable price for hourly rates was reached. A cost analyses was performed and the Procurement Department has determined the price to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

 HWH Architects Engineers Planners, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Greater Cleveland RTA, General Electric, the City of Cleveland and Goodyear, among others.

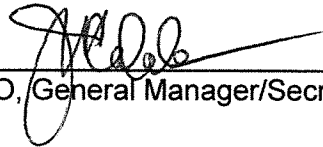
- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. HWH Architects Engineering Planners, Inc. has committed to achieving the 10% DBE participation goal established for this procurement, which is equivalent to \$30,000.00 and has agreed to utilize the following certified DBE firms: Smith Architect (Female-owned), Somat Engineering of Ohio (Asian-owned), Sandhu and Associates (Asian-owned), and K & J Safety and Security (Female-owned). The utilization of a particular DBE firm will be a function of the specific nature of the on-call services ultimately required 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 FTA grants to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 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 its existing workload.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of HWH Architects Engineers Planners, 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.



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer