

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2018-157 TO REVISE THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (MARCS) TO PROVIDE 700/800 MHZ WIRELESS DIGITAL RADIO NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS (GENERAL FUND, INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has recurring requirements to utilize radio channels with the Ohio Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS); and

WHEREAS, the Authority, as part of its Radio Replacement Project, is replacing the equipment for its Computer Aided Dispatch and Automated Vehicle Locator ("CAD/AVL") applications, including mobile radios, portable radios and dispatch consoles; and

WHEREAS, the Authority currently has an interagency agreement utilizing the Ohio MARCS network for its Transit Police radio communications; and

WHEREAS, the Authority must revise the interagency agreement in order to add additional subscriptions for new radios to utilize the Ohio MARCS network as part of its Radio Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, said subscription service is only available through Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS); and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code, Section 306.43(H)(4) provides that competitive bidding is not required when an expenditure is made from another political subdivision, public agency, public transit system, regional transit authority, the state or federal procurement contract, or as a participant in a department of administrative services contract under (B) of section 125.04 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the revision to the interagency agreement with Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) to provide 700/800 MHz wireless digital radio network subscription services in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for a period of five years to be in the best interest of 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 offer of Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS), to provide 700/800 MHz wireless digital radio network subscription services be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) to provide 700/800 MHz wireless digital radio network subscription services.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the General Fund, Intelligent Transportation Systems Department budget, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for a period of five years.


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, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution No. 2015-76; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: February 15, 2019



President

Attest: 

Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: MARCS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR RADIO DEVICES – FIVE-YEAR PERIOD VENDOR: OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (MARCS) AMOUNT: AMOUNT NTE \$1,200,000.00 FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD	Resolution No.: 2019-15
	Date: February 14, 2019
	Initiator: Intelligent Transportation Systems
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 revise its existing interagency agreement with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS), currently covering Transit Police radios, to include the mobile radios for vehicles, portable radios and dispatch consoles purchased in support of the Radio Replacement Project.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** Ohio MARCS is a 700/800 MHz radio and data network that utilizes state-of-the-art trunked technology to provide statewide interoperability in digital clarity to subscribers throughout Ohio and a 10 mile radius outside the state. MARCS currently serves over 1,200 public safety/public service agencies statewide. The Authority's Transit Police currently subscribes to the MARCS network for its radio communication.

The Authority is in the process of replacing its current radio system. Prior to beginning the Radio Replacement Project, the Authority hired a consultant to study and identify the best communication method to meet our operators' and customers' needs. The study demonstrated that the Ohio MARCS network provides superior coverage, and was recommended as the solution for our radio communication.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Section 306.43(H)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code states that competitive bidding is not required when an expenditure is made from another political subdivision, public agency, public transit system, regional transit authority, the state or federal procurement contract, or as a participant in a department of administrative services contract under (B) of section 125.04 of the Revised Code. Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS), is providing pricing for 700/800 MHz wireless digital radio network subscription services at a total price not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for a period of five years. The prices established under the state program are the result of a competitive process. The current fee is set at \$20 per month, per unit, for utilizing the MARCS system. This is the same fee paid by all users on the system.

- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** The Office of Business Development does not conduct Affirmative Action reviews or set DBE participation goals on governmental contracts or interagency agreements.

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

- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This contract will be funded through the General Fund, Intelligent Transportation Systems Department budget, at a total price not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for a period of five years.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would prevent or delay radio communication services for the Authority's Radio Replacement Project, impacting the Authority's ability to maintain the existing radio system, which is vital to providing safe, reliable, clean and courteous public transportation service.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This project was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the February 5, 2019 Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer of Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS), be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the Interim 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.



Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer