

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-39

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2019-58 WITH AGILE NETWORK BUILDERS, LLC TO PROVIDE BACKHAUL, NETWORK CONNECTIVITY INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$153,120.00 FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD (GENERAL FUND, INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has the need to purchase fiber network connectivity maintenance and installation services to support the Radio Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the offer of Agile Network Builders, LLC located at 213 Market Avenue North, Suite 310, Canton, Ohio 44702, to provide network connectivity maintenance and installation services was received on December 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the offer from Agile Network Builders, LLC is made available through the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Cooperative Purchasing Program in an amount not to exceed \$153,120.00 for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, Section 306.43 (H)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code provides political subdivisions within the State of Ohio, the opportunity to participate in contracts executed by the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees authorized utilization of the Cooperative Purchasing Program in Resolution No. 1990-69; and

WHEREAS, the Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of Agile Network Builders, LLC utilizing the Cooperative Purchasing Program 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 Agile Network Builders, LLC to provide fiber network connectivity installation and maintenance services to the Authority for a period of five years, be and the same is hereby accepted.

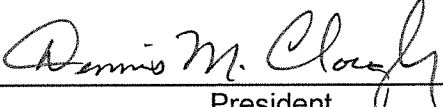
Section 2. That the Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Agile Network Builders, LLC to provide fiber network connectivity installation and maintenance services to the Authority.

Section 3. That this procurement will be funded through the General Fund, Intelligent Transportation Systems Department budget, in an amount not to exceed \$153,120.00 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: April 16, 2019



President

Attest: 

Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: NETWORK CONNECTION & MAINTENANCE FOR MARCS VENDOR: AGILE NETWORK BUILDERS, LLC AMOUNT: NTE \$153,120.00	Resolution No.: 2019-39
	Date: April 11, 2019
	Initiator: Intelligent Transportation Systems Department
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 the purchase of fiber network connectivity maintenance and installation services for routing from each of GCRTA's dispatch centers to the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) zone controller in support of the Authority's Radio Replacement Project.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This procurement is for the purchase of backhaul, network connectivity maintenance and installation services from GCRTA's dispatch centers to the MARCS zone controller in support of the Authority's Radio Replacement Project for a period of five years. The Authority operates a radio system along with its Computer Aided Dispatch and Automated Vehicle Locator ("CAD/AVL") system called TransitMaster, in order to track vehicles, monitor on-time performance and talk/text with the vehicle operators. The current radio system is a 900 MHz, EDACS system that provides trunked voice and conventional data communications to buses, trains, and portable radios. The 900 MHz trunked system consists of four towers throughout the county. In order for the CAD/AVL system and radio system to function properly, the hardware and software must be maintained and operational. The current radio system is obsolete, highly limiting the Authority's ability to obtain support and procure components to maintain it. In addition to the physical radios, the Authority must upgrade its radio tower/infrastructure. The IBI Group's study showed that using the state's MARCS is the best option. To support the MARCS, GCRTA must also purchase installation services to provide network connectivity from the dispatch centers to MARCS zone controllers. MARCS requires all customers to utilize Agile Network Builders, LLC.

- 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 executed by the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, for the purchase of supplies, services, equipment and certain materials. Resolution No. 1990-69 gives authorization to the Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to utilize the State of Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Program. Agile Network Builders, LLC, which is located in Canton, Ohio, is providing pricing to the Authority at the state term schedule pricing. The price is for the backhaul, network connectivity services, including installation and maintenance for a period of five years, in an amount not to exceed \$153,120.00. The prices established under the state program are the result of a competitive process.

- 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 Cooperative Purchasing program.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This procurement will be funded through the General Fund, Intelligent Transportation Systems Department budget, in an amount not to exceed \$153,120.00. This pricing obtained is approximately 4.5% below the estimate for this purchase.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer for the purchase of fiber network connectivity maintenance and installation services would delay the Authority's ability to connect to the MARCS, extending the Authority's need to maintain obsolete equipment.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** An update to the Radio Replacement Project was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the April 16, 2019 Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer of Agile Network Builders, LLC 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