

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-43

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2020-054 WITH WSP USA INC. FOR PROJECT 18.65 – ON-CALL RAIL ENGINEERING SERVICES 2020 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, The Authority requires on-call rail engineering services to prepare plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction duration estimates, construction support services, and discrete engineering analyses; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of WSP USA Inc., with an office located at 1660 West 2nd Street, Suite 820, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, to perform said services was received on April 23, 2020 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, WSP USA Inc. has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for a period of 24 months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of WSP USA 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 WSP USA Inc. to provide various task order services under Project 18.65 – On-Call Rail Engineering Services 2020 be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority be and she is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with WSP USA Inc. for the performance of said services.

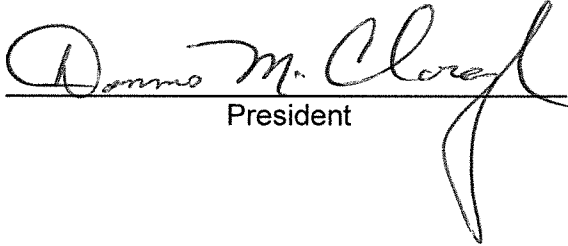
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grants OH-2018-001, OH-2016-055, and OH-54-007 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 (\$320,000.00 in federal funds which represents 80% of total cost) 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, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects that WSP USA Inc. will attempt to exceed the 16% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: June 23, 2020



President

Attest: 

Interim Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: PROJECT 18.65 ON-CALL RAIL ENGINEERING SERVICES 2020 VENDOR: WSP USA INC. AMOUNT: NTE \$400,000.00 FOR A 24 MONTH PERIOD	Resolution No.: 2020-43
	Date: June 18, 2020
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development
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- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract for On-Call Rail Engineering Services for a period of 24 months.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This resolution will allow the Authority to retain consultant professional services to perform rail engineering support to assist internal GCRTA staff. Tasks may include design for some, or all of the following: track, rail lines, overhead catenary lines, as well as, other engineering analysis as may be required. The service will be authorized on an on-call, as needed basis.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposals ("RFP") was posted on the GCRTA Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Thirty-nine interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package. These services were solicited through a competitive negotiated procurement, utilizing the Brooks Act Procedures. Under this process, the Authority's evaluation panel selects the most technically qualified firm, solicits a pricing proposal from that firm, and negotiates price only with that firm. Should the Authority determine that an agreement cannot 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 WSP USA Inc., the first ranked firm, and an acceptable price was reached.

 WSP USA Inc. has successfully completed projects for the GCRTA, including the Reconstruction of Tracks 8 and Track 7 Auxiliary Platform, On-Call Rail Engineering Services 2018, and the E. 34th Street Station Design, among others.

 The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined that the proposed pricing was fair and reasonable to the Authority.


- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. WSP USA, Inc. has committed to achieving the 16% DBE participation goal established for this procurement which is equivalent to \$64,000.00 and has agreed to utilize the following certified DBE firms: Somat Engineering (Subcontinent Asian-owned), Denise's Flagging (African American female-owned), G & T Associates (Asian Pacific-owned), and Clifton Wiess & Associates (African American-owned) in amounts that will be a function of the specific nature of the on call service required.

- 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 Grants OH-2018-001, OH-2016-055, and OH-54-007, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 (\$320,000.00 in federal funds which represents 80% of total cost) for a period of 24 months. This is the budgeted amount for this project.

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would leave the Authority without the technical expertise of a professional rail engineering firm and would create undue hardship on GCRTA's Engineering Department due to their existing workload.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee at the June 23, 2020 meeting. It is recommended that the offer from WSP USA Inc. be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer 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.



General Manager, Chief Executive Officer