

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-71

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2021-084 WITH BRASCO INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR BABY ON BOARD TRANSIT WAITING ENVIRONMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,775.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), Ohio Transit Partnership Program previously awarded the Authority \$400,000.00 for the Baby on Board Program; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2021-07, adopted January 19, 2021, the Board of Trustees authorized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to implement the Baby on Board Program; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has a need for Baby on Board Transit Waiting Environments to support the Baby on Board Program funded by the SFY2021 Ohio Transit Partnership Program through the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has a need to upgrade and replace transit waiting environments in specific zip codes that have been identified as areas of very high rates of infant mortality and transportation barriers to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Brasco International, Inc. is the current supplier of the Authority's shelters, with over 2,100 shelters throughout the system today; and

WHEREAS, the Authority wants to remain consistent in terms of design and branding of transit waiting environments, and continuing to purchase shelters from Brasco International, Inc. will allow for continuity and recognition of the transit system; and

WHEREAS, because the Authority is responsible for installation and maintenance of over 2,100 shelters, bulk purchasing for replacement parts is economically feasible with larger orders; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code, Section 306.43 (H)(2) provides that competitive bidding is not required when “the purchase consists of goods or services, or any combination thereof, and after reasonable inquiry the board or any officer or employee the board designates finds that only one source of supply is reasonably available”; and

WHEREAS, Brasco International, Inc., located at 32400 Industrial Drive, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071, has offered to provide these Baby on Board Transit Waiting Environments in an amount not to exceed \$160,775.00; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Brasco International, Inc. to provide Baby on Board Transit Waiting Environments 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 Brasco International, Inc. to provide Baby on Board Transit Waiting Environments 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 Brasco International, Inc. to provide Baby on Board Transit Waiting Environments.

Section 3. This contract will be funded through the RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds, in a total amount not to exceed \$160,775.00. Funds will be reimbursed through Ohio Department of Transportation – “Ohio Transit Partnership Program” (OTP2).

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, 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 Brasco International, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 0% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: July 27, 2021



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: BABY ON BOARD TRANSIT WAITING ENVIRONMENTS VENDOR: BRASCO INTERNATIONAL, INC. AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$160,775.00	Resolution No.: 2021-71
	Date: July 22, 2021
	Initiator: Programming and Planning
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 permit the Authority to enter into a sole source contract for Baby on Board Transit Waiting Environments.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Baby on Board Program is funded by the SFY2021 Ohio Transit Partnership Program through the Ohio Department of Transportation. A portion of this funding will be used to upgrade and replace transit waiting environments in three specific zip codes; 44108, 44110, and 44112. These locations were identified by the Social Determinates of Health Taskforce led by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health as areas having very high rates of infant mortality and transportation barriers to healthcare. The Authority has identified approximately 28 bus stops that will receive updated transit waiting amenities due to neighborhood connections, family resources, ridership, and frequency.

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: This sole source contract is exempt from competitive bidding under Section 306.43 (H)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code which states that a sole source procurement is authorized when “the purchase consists of goods or services, or any combination thereof, and after reasonable inquiry the board of any officer or employee the board designates finds that only one source of supply is reasonably available.” As part of the Baby on Board Program, approximately 16 shelters and 11 replacement roofs will be required to update the selected transit waiting environment locations. This equipment will be purchased from Brasco International, Inc., the original supplier of the Authority’s current shelters, but will be installed and maintained by the Authority.

The Authority currently maintains over 2,100 shelters throughout the system. The Authority needs to remain consistent in terms of design and branding of transit waiting environments. This continuity is especially vital now that the Authority has launched its system redesign, NextGen, for transit recognition throughout Cuyahoga County. Additionally, the Authority’s extensive customer outreach has shown the standard shelter created and provided by Brasco International, Inc. provides the public with the optimal amount of protection from the natural elements, including wind, snow, and rain. As part of the Baby on Board Program, these factors are considered crucial to provide customers with a safe and positive transit waiting environment experience. The Authority will install the equipment and maintain these shelters.

The proposal from Brasco International, Inc. was reviewed by representatives from Programming and Planning and Procurement, and has deemed the negotiated offer not to exceed \$160,775.00, to be in the best interest of the Authority, cost and all other factors considered.

4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 0% DBE goal was established for this procurement due to the lack of certified DBE firms.

5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.

- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds, in a total contract amount not to exceed \$160,775.00. Funds will be reimbursed through Ohio Department of Transportation – “Ohio Transit Partnership Program” (OTP2).
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would hinder the Authority’s ability to support the Baby on Board Program.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of Brasco International, 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