

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2021-156 WITH K&J SAFETY AND SECURITY CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. FOR PROJECT 19.18 – CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION OF GCRTA RAIL TRANSIT PROJECTS-2021 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS (RTA CAPITAL AND/OR RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority requires consultant services for safety and security certification for several GCRTA rail transit projects including but not limited to Warrensville Van Aken Station Renovation, Rehabilitation of Track Bridges over W. 117th Street, E. 79th Light Rail Station Reconstruction, among others; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc., with an office located at 3257 Elcano Lane, Cantonment, Florida, 32533-6876, to perform said services was received on December 1, 2021 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for a period of 36 months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, 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 K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. to provide Consultant Services for Safety Certification of GCRTA Rail Transit Projects under Project 19.18, 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 K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, 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 \$400,000.00 for a period of 36 months.

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 K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 13% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: January 25, 2022



President

Attest:



Secretary/Treasurer

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| <p>TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: PROJECT 19.18 – CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION OF GCRTA RAIL TRANSIT PROJECTS-2021 VENDOR: K&J SAFETY AND SECURITY CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS</p> | <p>Resolution No.: 2022-2 Date: January 20, 2022 Initiator: Engineering & Project Development</p> |
| <p>ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> | |

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract for consultant services for safety and security certification for the period of 36 months.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This project will provide a consultant to conduct a Safety and Security Certification for the GCRTA Rail Transit Projects. Such certification will ensure that the projects are operationally safe for passengers, employees, emergency responders and the general public in order to comply with the GCRTA Safety and Security Certification Plan adopted in May 2007 and all applicable additions. The identified tasks for this contract include the following; Warrensville Van Aken Station Renovation, Rehabilitation of Track Bridges over W. 117th Street, E. 79th Light Rail Station Reconstruction, and other Safety and Security Certification-related projects to be determined at a later date at GCRTA's discretion.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposal ("RFP") was posted on the GCRTA Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Twelve 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 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 the first ranked firm, K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc., and an acceptable price was reached. K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Greater Cleveland RTA, WMATA, LYNX, and SEPTA, among others.

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

- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 13% DBE goal was established for this procurement. K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services is a certified DBE (Female-owned) firm, fulfilling the DBE participation goal established for this 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 \$400,000.00 for a period of 36 months.

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will impact the Authority's ability to comply with its Safety and Security Certification Plan and provide safe operations for passengers.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the January 11, 2022 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, 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