

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-63

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2022-040 WITH PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP INC. FOR PROJECT 19.47 – ON-CALL RAIL ENGINEERING SERVICES - 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS (RTA CAPITAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority requires professional rail engineering expertise with design and technical support services for rail projects; and

WHEREAS, the Authority also requires assistance with safety compliance, specification development, preparation of plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction duration estimates, and construction support services; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Parsons Transportation Group Inc., with an office located at 2501 Stirling Circle #305, Dunedin, FL 34698, to perform said services was received on May 5, 2022 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, Parsons Transportation Group Inc. has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of 24 months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Parsons Transportation Group 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 Parsons Transportation Group Inc. to provide signal engineering design and technical support services under Project 19.43 – On-Call Rail Engineering Services - 2022, 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 Parsons Transportation Group 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 \$450,000.00 for a period of 24 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 Parsons Transportation Group Inc. will attempt to exceed the 18% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: July 26, 2022



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President

Attest:

  
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Secretary-Treasurer



<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>CONTRACT:</b> PROJECT 19.47 – ON-CALL RAIL ENGINEERING SERVICES - 2022  <b>VENDOR:</b> PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP INC.  <b>AMOUNT:</b> NTE \$450,000.00 FOR 24 MONTH PERIOD	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2022-63
	<b>Date:</b> July 21, 2022
	<b>Initiator:</b> Engineering & Project Development Department
<b>ACTION REQUEST:</b> <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 On-Call Rail Engineering Services for a period of 24 months.
  
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This project will provide engineering services to support projects assigned by the Engineering and Project Development Department. Services to be provided as part of this contract include but are not limited to: the preparation of plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction duration estimates, construction support services, and discrete engineering analyses for assigned projects. Projects would principally involve repair and/or updating of various aspects of the rail line, or discrete analyses of the same for safety compliance purposes.
  
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposals (“RFP”) was posted on the GCRTA Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Nineteen 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 price 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 Parsons Transportation Group Inc., the first ranked firm, and an acceptable price was reached.
 

Parsons Transportation Group Inc. has successfully completed projects for the GCRTA, Sound Transit, WMATA and the New Jersey Transit Corporation, 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. Parsons Transportation Group Inc. has committed to achieve the 18% DBE participation goal established for this procurement, which is equivalent to \$81,000.00. Parsons has agreed to utilize the following certified DBE firms: Denise’s Construction and Flagging Services (African American Female-owned), Dynotec, Inc. (Sub-continent Asian Male-owned), G & T Associates (Asian Pacific Male-owned), and Pro Geotech, Inc (Sub-continent Asian Male-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 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 \$450,000.00 for a period of 24 months.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would leave the Authority without the technical expertise of a professional rail engineering firm to supplement the resources of the Authority's Engineering and Project Management Division.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the July 12, 2022 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Parsons Transportation Group 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.

  
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General Manager, Chief Executive Officer