

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2022-122 WITH CLARK TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING & SERVICES, LLC DBA BISON RAIL SYSTEMS FOR PROJECT 12D – TRUNK LINE SIGNAL SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,464,789.20 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) deems it necessary to acquire construction services, as required, under Project 12D – Trunk Line Signal System; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Clark Transportation Consulting & Services, LLC DBA Bison Rail Systems, located at 63 Main Street, Suite 204, Flemington, New Jersey 08822, was received on December 15, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$4,464,789.20; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Clark Transportation Consulting & Services, LLC DBA Bison Rail Systems to be the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder 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 bid of Clark Transportation Consulting & Services DBA Bison Rail Systems for Project 12D – Trunk Line Signal System 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 Clark Transportation Consulting & Services, LLC DBA Bison Rail Systems for Project 12D – Trunk Line Signal System.

Section 3. This procurement shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grants OH-2018-002, OH-2021-050-337, and 100% local funds, in an amount not to exceed \$4,464,789.20 (\$3,571,831.36 in federal funds which represents 80% of total cost).

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 Clark Transportation Consulting & Services, LLC DBA Bison Rail Systems will attempt to exceed the 17% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: January 31, 2023



President

Attest:



Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: PROJECT 12D – TRUNK LINE SIGNAL SYSTEM	Resolution No.: 2023-2
VENDOR: CLARK TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING & SERVICES, LLC DBA BISON RAIL SYSTEMS	Date: January 26, 2023
AMOUNT: NTE \$4,464,789.20	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development
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 Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) to enter into a contract to provide construction services for Project 12D – Trunk Line Signal System.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The work required under this contract consists of the re-signalization along the Trunk Line between East 79th Street Station to Shaker Square. This work includes, but is not limited to, providing all labor, equipment, materials, and design and field engineering.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: The Invitation for Bids (“IFB”) was posted on the GCRTA Procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Thirteen interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package. Two bids were received and opened on December 15, 2022 as follows:

Company Name	Total Base Bid
Clark Transportation Consulting & Services, LLC DBA Bison Rail Systems	\$4,464,789.20
Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.	\$4,625,000.00

The Basis of Award is the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder for the Total Base Bid price. The Total Base Bid price of \$4,464,789.20 from Clark Transportation Consulting & Services, LLC DBA Bison Rail Systems is 0.56% greater than the Engineer’s Estimate of \$4,440,000.00. Clark Transportation Consulting & Services, LLC DBA Bison Rail Systems was determined to be a responsible bidder.

A cost analysis has been performed, and the bid of Clark Transportation Consulting & Services, LLC DBA Bison Rail Systems has been determined by the Procurement Department to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 17% DBE goal was established for this procurement. The prime contractor is Clark Transportation Consulting & Services, a certified DBE (African American Male-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 Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget including, but not limited to Capital Grants OH-2018-002, OH-2021-050-337, and 100% local funds, in an amount not to exceed \$4,464,789.20 (\$3,571,831.36 in federal funds which represents 80% of total cost).

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would leave the Authority with an outdated signal system along the Trunk Line.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the January 10, 2023 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Clark Transportation Consulting & Services, LLC DBA Bison Rail Systems 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