

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2024-059 WITH THE OSBORN ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR PROJECT 66E1 – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RED LINE STATION PLATFORM MODIFICATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$861,676.92 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND - ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) needs to contract with a firm to provide engineering services for the Red Line station platform modifications described under Project 66E1; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of The Osborn Engineering Company (“Osborn Engineering”), with an office located at 1111 Superior Avenue, Suite 2100, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, to perform said services was received on May 15, 2024 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, Osborn Engineering has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$861,676.92; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Osborn Engineering 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 Osborn Engineering to provide services under Project 66E1 – Engineering Services for the Red Line Station Platform Modifications 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 Osborn Engineering for the performance of said services.

Section 3. This procurement shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to, 100% local funds, pending grant revision for Capital Grant OH-2021-050-337, in an amount not to exceed \$861,676.92.

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 Osborn Engineering will attempt to exceed the 11% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: July 30, 2024

  
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President

Attest:   
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Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: PROJECT 66E1 – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RED LINE STATION PLATFORM MODIFICATIONS  VENDOR: THE OSBORN ENGINEERING COMPANY  AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$861,676.92	Resolution No.: 2024-50
	Date: July 25, 2024
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development Department
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 resolution will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) to enter into a contract for Project 66E1 – Engineering Services for the Red Line Station Platform Modifications.
  
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Authority will need to modify certain Red Line station platforms to accommodate the new railcar fleet. The new railcars will replace both heavy and light rail vehicles. The new railcar fleet will have an overall width of approximately 16 inches less than the current heavy rail fleet dimensions. The net result requires platform width modifications to increase by eight inches for both Eastbound and Westbound tracks to provide compliant platform edge clearances for the trains. Twenty-two separate platform locations at 16 Red Line Stations must be modified. Lengthening of the platform at two locations will also be required to allow for three-car train operations. Platform structure composition varies from cast concrete to precast concrete to fiber reinforced polymer decks, requiring differing types of width modifications. The condition and age of the platform structures also vary in both condition and age.
  
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: The Request for Proposal (“RFP”) was posted on the Authority’s Procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Sixteen interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package. 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 The Osborn Engineering Company (“Osborn Engineering”), the first ranked firm, and an acceptable price was reached.

Osborn Engineering has successfully completed projects for the Authority, Decatur Public Transit System, Cuyahoga County, ODOT, and Cleveland Guardians, among others.

The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposed pricing from Osborn Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$861,676.92 to be fair and reasonable to the Authority. This negotiated price is approximately 7.2% above the Engineer’s Estimate of \$800,000.00.

- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. An 11% DBE participation goal was established for this procurement. Osborn Engineering Company has committed to achieving the DBE goal through the utilization of G & T Associates, Inc. (Asian Indian male-owned) in the amount of \$125,054.00, Somat Engineering (Subcontinent Asian Pacific male-owned) in the amount of \$126,420.00, and Denise's Flagging (African American female-owned) in the amount of \$58,335.00 for a total DBE participation of \$309,809.00 or 36%.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to, 100% local funds, pending grant revision for Capital Grant OH-2021-050-337, for a total amount not to exceed \$861,676.92.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will prevent the Authority from using the new railcars on the Red Line.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the July 9, 2024 Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Osborn Engineering be accepted and the resolution adopted 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