

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-53

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2024-064 WITH HATZEL AND BUEHLER INC. FOR THE FURNISHING OF AERIAL RAILROAD SIGNAL CABLE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$161,820.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, POWER & WAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") requires the furnishing of aerial railroad signal cable for use in railroad signal circuits; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Hatzel and Buehler, Inc., located at 1200 Resource Dr., Suite 10, Cleveland, OH 44131, for the furnishing of aerial railroad signal cable was received on June 20, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$161,820.00; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the bid of Hatzel and Buehler, Inc. 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 Hatzel and Buehler, Inc. for the furnishing of aerial railroad signal cable 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 Hatzel and Buehler, Inc. for the furnishing of aerial railroad signal cable.

Section 3. This procurement shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Power & Way Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH 2020-044-5337, in an amount not to exceed \$161,820.00 (\$129,456.00 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, thereto, 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 Authority's Board of Trustees expects that Hatzel and Buehler, 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 30, 2024

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President

Attest:   
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Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: FURNISHING OF AERIAL RAILROAD SIGNAL CABLE	Resolution No.: 2024-53
VENDOR: HATZEL AND BUEHLER, INC.	Date: July 25, 2024
AMOUNT: \$161,820.00	Initiator: Power & Way 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 action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") to enter into a contract for the furnishing of aerial railroad signal cable to the Power and Way Department.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: This is a procurement for aerial railroad signal cable used on the Authority's railcars. The Authority is currently facing a shortage of aerial railroad signal cable. This purchase is crucial for operations and is needed to maintain an adequate on-hand supply to replace the existing aerial railroad signal cable.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: The Invitation for Bid ("IFB") was posted on the Authority's Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Sixteen (16) interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package. One (1) responsive bid was received on June 20, 2024. The bid is as follows:

Company Name	Total Base Bid
Hatzel and Buehler, Inc.	\$161,820.00

The basis of the award is the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder for the total base bid. Hatzel and Buehler, Inc. was determined to be a responsible bidder. The total bid price of \$161,820.00 from Hatzel and Buehler, Inc. is 1.25% above the project estimate of \$159,810.00.

A price analysis has been performed, and the Procurement Department has determined the total bid of Hatzel and Buehler, Inc. to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 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, Power & Way Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH 2020-044-5337, in an amount not to exceed \$161,820.00 (\$129,456.00 in federal funds, which represents 80% of total cost).
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this bid. Rejection of this bid would prevent the Authority from maintaining an adequate supply of aerial railroad signal cable that is crucial to ensure minimal service interruptions during replacements.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the bid of Hatzel and Buehler, Inc. be accepted and the resolution adopted authorizing the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer to enter a contract.

9.0 ATTACHMENT: 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