

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-77

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2024-116 WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR PROJECT 20.19 – ON-CALL RAIL ENGINEERING SERVICES - 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS (RTA CAPITAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) requires professional engineering services for Project 20.19 – On-Call Rail Engineering Services - 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Michael Baker International, Inc., with an office located at 1111 Superior Avenue, Suite 2300, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, to perform said services was received on August 29, 2024 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, Michael Baker International, Inc. has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for period of twenty-four (24) months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Michael Baker International, Inc. to be the most advantageous to the Authority, finds the price to be fair and reasonable for said services, 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 Michael Baker International, Inc. to provide professional engineering services under Project 20.19 On-Call Rail Engineering Services - 2024 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 Michael Baker International, Inc. for the performance of said services.

Section 3. This procurement 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 grant funds to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon future funding, 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 Michael Baker International, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 8% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: October 29, 2024



President

Attest: 
Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: ON-CALL RAIL ENGINEERING SERVICES - 2024 VENDOR: MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS	Resolution No.: 2024-77
	Date: October 24, 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 action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") to enter into a contract for Project 20.19 – On-Call Rail Engineering Services - 2024.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This project is to obtain professional services to perform rail engineering support. The services will be authorized by task order on an as-needed basis.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposals ("RFP") was posted on the Authority's Procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Thirty-two (32) interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package and two (2) responsive proposals were received. 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 Michael Baker International, Inc., the first ranked firm, and an acceptable price was reached.

 Michael Baker International, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Authority, LA Metro, Sound Transit in Seattle, Orange County Transportation Authority, DART and ODOT, among others.

 The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposed pricing from Michael Baker International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of twenty-four (24) months, to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.
- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. Michael Baker International, Inc. has committed to achieve the 8% DBE participation goal established for this procurement, which is equivalent to \$36,000.00, and has agreed to utilize the following certified DBE firms: Barr Engineering DBA: NEAS, Inc. (Subcontinent Asian male-owned) and Denise's Flagging and Construction Services, Inc. (African American female-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 procurement 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 grant funds to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of twenty-four (24) months.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this could compromise the Authority's ability to study and maintain its rail system by preventing access to external technical expertise that is needed.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the October 15, 2024, Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Michael Baker International, Inc. 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.



General Manager, Chief Executive Officer