

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-90

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2024-160 WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR LINK LAYER AUTHENTICATION ACCESS KEYS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$127,132.12 (GENERAL FUND, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") utilizes the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System ("MARCS") network for communications across the Authority's dispatch, buses, trains, Transit Police, and supervisor radios; and

WHEREAS, the Authority utilizes Motorola Solutions, Inc. ("Motorola") radio equipment for communications on the MARCS network; and

WHEREAS, all subscribers utilizing the MARCS network will now be required to have link layer authentication access keys installed on all radio equipment accessing the MARCS network; and

WHEREAS, these access keys for the MARCS network are available from Motorola, located at 12430 Plaza Dr., Cleveland, Ohio 44130, through the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 306.43(H)(4) provides that competitive procedures are not required when a purchase is made from another political subdivision, public agency, public transit system, regional transit authority, the state, or the federal government, or as a third party beneficiary under a state or federal procurement contract, or as a participant in a department of administrative services contract under R.C. 125.04(B); and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Board of Trustees authorized utilization of the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program in Resolution 1990-069; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Motorola, utilizing the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, to be in the best interest of 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. The offer of Motorola to provide link layer authentication access keys to the Authority is hereby accepted.

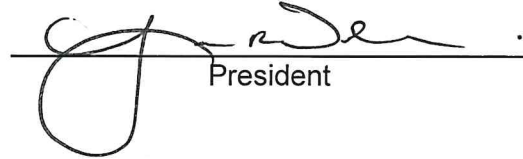
Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority be and she is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Motorola, to provide link layer authentication access keys.

Section 3. That said contract will be funded through the General Fund, Information Technology Department budget, in an amount not to exceed \$127,132.12.

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 law relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: November 19, 2024



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer



<p>TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: LINK LAYER AUTHENTICATION ACCESS KEYS</p> <p>VENDOR: MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.</p> <p>AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$127,132.12</p>	<p>Resolution No.: 2024-90</p> <p>Date: November 14, 2024</p> <p>Initiator: Information Technology Department</p>
<p>ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	

1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (“Motorola”) to purchase link layer authentication access keys, an additional security feature which supports the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (“MARCS”), in accordance with state and local regulations.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Authority currently utilizes Motorola radio equipment and software for audio communications between vehicles and dispatch for fixed route buses, Paratransit, rail and Transit Police. This equipment and software utilize the state’s first responder MARCS network for audio communications. The MARCS radio system will require all agencies to utilize this authentication process as of 2025. Motorola will provide the access keys, and the Authority will be responsible for the labor to program the radios. This is an additional security feature that adds another layer of authentication between radios before they can transmit, preventing unauthorized radios from accessing the Authority’s secure MARCS network.

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: R.C. Section 306.43(H)(4) provides political subdivisions within the State of Ohio the opportunity to participate in contracts negotiated and executed by the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the purchase of supplies, services, equipment, and materials. The Authority’s Board of Trustees authorized the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer to enter into such contracts by Resolution No.1990-069.

The State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program includes a contract with Motorola, under State Term Contract No. 573077-0. Said contract will allow the Authority to purchase link layer authentication access keys in an amount not to exceed \$127,132.12.

4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/ DBE BACKGROUND: The Office of Business Development does not conduct Affirmative Action reviews or establish DBE participation goals on procurements included in the State Cooperative Purchasing Program.

5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.

6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement will be funded through the General Fund, Information Technology Department budget, in an amount not to exceed \$127,132.12.

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will delay the Authority's ability to install the link layer authentication access keys on its radio equipment, putting the Authority at risk of being out of compliance with MARCS requirements and potentially leading to disrupted security, possible communication failures, public safety risk, and operational inefficiencies.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of Motorola 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