

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2024-222 WITH TRILLIUM TRANSPORTATION FUELS, LLC DBA TRILLIUM CNG TO PROVIDE TRISKETT CNG OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,080,000.00 (GENERAL FUND, TRISKETT DISTRICT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") has an ongoing requirement for compressed natural gas ("CNG") operations and maintenance ("O&M") services at its Triskett bus district ("Triskett") garage to ensure its CNG fueling station remains operational; and

WHEREAS, Triskett currently utilizes Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG for the O&M of its CNG fueling station; and

WHEREAS, Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG is the original installer of equipment and original provider of O&M services for the Triskett CNG fueling station; and

WHEREAS, Trillium Transportation Fuels LLC, dba Trillium CNG developed and utilizes a proprietary programmable logic controller ("PLC") for the servicing and operation of the Triskett CNG fueling station; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 306.43(H)(6) provides that competitive procedures are not required when the purchase substantially involves services of a personal, professional, highly technical, or scientific nature, including but not limited to the services of an attorney, physician, surveyor, appraiser, investigator, court reporter, adjuster, advertising consultant, or licensed broker, or involves the special skills or proprietary knowledge required for the servicing of specialized equipment owned by the regional transit authority; and

WHEREAS, the offer from Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG, with an office located at 2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 4100, Houston, Texas 77019, to provide O&M services for the Authority's Triskett CNG fueling station in a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,080,000.00 for a three-year period was received on December 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG, as negotiated, to provide O&M services for the Authority's Triskett CNG fueling station 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. That the offer from Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG, as negotiated, to provide O&M services for the Authority's Triskett CNG fueling station for a three-year period 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 Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG to provide operations and maintenance services for the Authority's Triskett CNG fueling station for a three-year period.

Section 3. That said contract will be funded through the General Fund, Triskett District Department budget, in a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,080,000.00 for a three-year period.


Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon future funding, compliance by the contractor with 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 Authority's Board of Trustees expects that Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG will attempt to exceed the 0% DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: January 21, 2025

  
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President

Attest:   
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Secretary-Treasurer



<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>CONTRACT:</b> TRISKETT CNG OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES  <b>VENDOR:</b> TRILLIUM TRANSPORTATION FUELS, LLC DBA TRILLIUM CNG  <b>AMOUNT:</b> NOT TO EXCEED \$1,080,000.00 FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2025-6
	<b>Date:</b> January 16, 2025
	<b>Initiator:</b> Triskett District
<b>ACTION REQUEST:</b> <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 an agreement for compressed natural gas (“CNG”) operations and maintenance (“O&M”) services at the Authority’s Triskett bus district (“Triskett”) for a period of three years.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Triskett fueling station was installed in late 2020. The original agreement included a three-year O&M service agreement which began in early 2022. Triskett’s total fleet is comprised of approximately 136 coaches, of which 63 are fueled by CNG. The remaining diesel coaches will eventually be replaced with CNG coaches as they reach their useful life. Renewal of the O&M service agreement is critical for the fueling station to operate without service interruptions because the fueling station must be readily available 24/7 in order to fuel Triskett’s CNG bus fleet and maintain service levels.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** This non-competitive contract is exempt from competitive procedures, as authorized under R.C. 306.43(H)(6). Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG is the original installer and O&M service provider for the CNG fueling station at Triskett. The system is monitored and operated by the programmable logic controller (“PLC”). The PLC is a computer that receives and processes data through its inputs and sends operating instructions through its outputs to control and manage the system’s internal logic functions. The system’s equipment, including the PLC, requires continuous maintenance services and upgrades to continue reliable functionality. The proprietary nature of the fueling station equipment, including the PLC, precludes competition, as changing service providers would result in additional equipment needs and costs, as well as service interruptions which would impede Triskett’s ability to fuel its CNG buses.

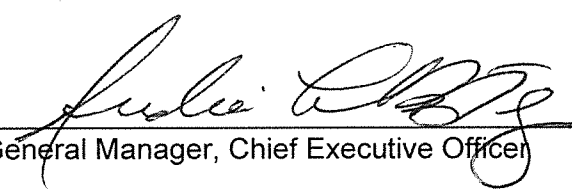
The Procurement Department requested a proposal from Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG on December 18, 2024. The proposal was reviewed by representatives from Accounting, Operations and Procurement departments for adherence to the technical requirements.

A cost analysis was performed, and the Procurement Department determined the negotiated rates 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 contract will be funded through the General Fund, Triskett District Department budget, in an amount not to exceed \$1,080,000.00 for a three-year period.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would cause a lapse in the continued operations & maintenance of the Triskett CNG fueling station. This lapse would place the station at risk for breakdowns, impacting the Authority's ability to fuel its CNG buses and provide service to customers.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the January 7, 2025 Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG, as negotiated, 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