

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2024-158 WITH MOTT MACDONALD, LLC FOR PROJECT 20.14 – ON-CALL SIGNAL ENGINEERING SERVICES - 2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS (RTA CAPITAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) requires professional signal engineering expertise with design and technical support services for highway-rail grade crossing warning systems, wayside & cab signal systems, and traffic control systems; and

WHEREAS, the Authority also requires assistance with regulatory compliance, training and specification development, preparation of plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction duration estimates, and construction support services; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Mott MacDonald, LLC (“Mott”), with an office located at 20445 Emerald Parkway, Suite 100, Cleveland, Ohio 44135, to perform said services was received on November 4, 2024 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, Mott has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of 24 months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer from Mott 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 from Mott to provide signal engineering design and technical support services under Project 20.14 – On-Call Signal Engineering Services - 2024 be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer be and she is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for Project 20.14 – On-Call Signal Engineering Services - 2024 with Mott for the performance of said services.


Section 3. That said contract 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 Grants to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of 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.

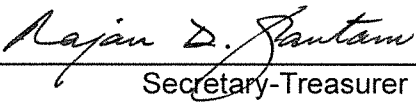
Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority’s Board of Trustees expects that Mott will attempt to exceed the 4% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: January 21, 2025



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: PROJECT 20.14 – ON-CALL SIGNAL ENGINEERING SERVICES - 2024 VENDOR: MOTT MACDONALD, LLC AMOUNT: NTE \$450,000 FOR 24 MONTH PERIOD	Resolution No.: 2025-10
	Date: January 16, 2025
	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 On-Call Signal Engineering Services for a period of 24 months.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This project will provide professional signal expertise with design and technical support services for highway-rail grade crossing warning systems, wayside and cab signal systems, and traffic control systems. It will also provide assistance with regulatory compliance, training, and specification development. The consultant will be required to prepare plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction duration estimates, and construction support services.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposals was posted on the Authority’s Procurement Department web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Nineteen interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package. 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 Mott MacDonald, LLC (“Mott”) the first ranked firm, and an acceptable price was reached.

 Mott has successfully completed projects for the Authority, Chicago Transit Authority, WMATA and the Port Authority of Allegheny County, among others.

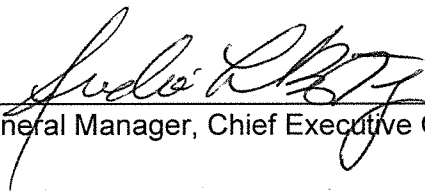
 The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposed pricing to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. Mott has committed to achieving the 4% DBE participation goal established for this procurement, which is equivalent to \$18,000.00, and has agreed to utilize Pacific Railway Enterprises (Caucasian female-owned) and GeoTrans (Hispanic male-owned). The utilization of a particular DBE firm will be a function of the specific nature of the on-call services ultimately required under the contract.

- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.

- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This contract 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 Grants to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of 24 months. This is the budgeted amount for this project.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would leave the Authority without the technical expertise of a professional signal engineering firm to supplement the resources of the Authority's Engineering and Project Management Division.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the January 7, 2025 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Mott 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