

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-47

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2024-214 WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, INC. FOR PROJECT 20.29 – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SPECIAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS – 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$371,710.00 FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") requires special bridge inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Burgess & Niple, Inc., with an office located at 330 Rush Alley, Suite 700, Columbus, OH, 43215, to perform said services was received on January 30, 2025 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, Burgess & Niple, Inc. has agreed to perform the required services for an amount not to exceed \$371,710.00 for a period of 24 months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer from Burgess & Niple, Inc. 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 Burgess & Niple, Inc. to perform bridge inspection services under Project 20.29 – Engineering Services for Special Bridge Inspections - 2025 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 Burgess & Niple, Inc. for the performance of said services.


Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to 100% local funds, in an amount not to exceed \$371,710.00 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.

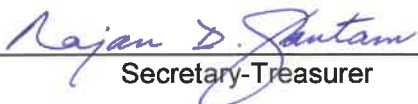
Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects that Burgess & Niple, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 6% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: April 15, 2025



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: PROJECT 20.29 – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SPECIAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS - 2025 VENDOR: BURGESS & NIPLE, INC. AMOUNT: NTE \$371,710.00 FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS	Resolution No.: 2025-47
	Date: April 10, 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 Project 20.29 – Engineering Services for Special Bridge Inspections - 2025.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** As required by federal and state bridge inspection standards, the Authority must have a biennial special inspection program to document findings of those bridges considered to have non-redundant, steel tension members carrying primary load paths from the services loads. In addition, and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5523.17, the Authority's structures must be inspected on an annual basis to determine the physical and functional condition of the structure and confirm continuity of service requirements.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposals was posted on the Authority's Procurement website and advertised in local newspapers. Twenty-four (24) 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 Burgess & Niple, Inc., the first-ranked firm, and an acceptable price was negotiated.

Burgess & Niple, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Authority, Oklahoma DOT, Summit County, and ODOT, among others.

The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposed pricing from Burgess & Niple, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$371,710.00 for a period of 24 months, to be fair and reasonable to the Authority. This negotiated price is approximately 6% above the Independent Engineer's Estimate of \$350,000.00.

4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 6% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Burges & Niple, Inc. has committed to achieving the DBE goal through the utilization of 2LMN (Subcontinent Asian male-owned) in the amount of \$33,106.00, and Denise's Flagging (African American female-owned) in the amount of \$12,000.00 for a total of \$45,106.00 or 12%.

- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to 100% local funds, in an amount not to exceed \$371,710.00.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will prevent the Authority from meeting federal and state regulatory requirements.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the April 1, 2025 Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Burgess & Niple, 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