

Minutes

RTA Committee of the Whole Meeting

11:09 a.m., December 3, 2024

Committee Members: Koomar (Chair), Welch (Vice Chair), Elder, Love, Sleasman, Weiss

Not present: Biasiotta, Lucas, McPherson, Pacetti

Staff/Other: Becker, Biggar, Blaze, Case, Catalusci, Caver, Ciesla, Colonna, Dangelo, Davidson, Fields, Fleig, Ford-Marshall, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Gibbons, Jones, Jupina, Kirkland, Milhouse, Miller, Miranda, Moore, Piggery, Robinson, Svancara, Schipper, Schultz, Sulik, Sutula, Togher, Weil, Young

Public: Battle, Deegan, Gibbons, Loh, Nelson, Samuels

The meeting was called to order at 11:09 a.m. There were six (6) committee members present. The items were taken out of order for Board quorum purposes.

Executive Session Requested

It was moved by Mayor Koomar, seconded by Ms. Welch to go into executive session to review the negotiations concerning the compensation/terms and conditions of employment for GCRTA's (union) employees. There were six (6) ayes and none opposed.

11:20 a.m. – It was moved by Mayor Koomar, seconded by Ms. Welch to come out of executive session. There were six (6) ayes and none opposed.

Railcar Owner Furnished Equipment Procurements

Chris Weil, Electronic Repair Manager and Shawn Becker, Program Contract Manager gave the presentation.

GCRTA is engaged with Siemens Mobility, Inc. ("Siemens") to purchase up to 60 railcars. The railcar specification developed in 2021 details hardware for specific systems to be furnished to Siemens by GCRTA.

Justification

- Owner Furnished Equipment ("OFE") intended to mitigate obsolescence
 - Contract length
- Final configuration of each system developed after collaboration with Siemens and Hatch

Owner Furnished Equipment Systems

- Computer Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location (CAD/AVL)
- Radio Communication
- Fare Collection
- Fare Validation (supporting Account Based Ticketing)
- Passenger WI-FI
- Cellular Communication

Procurement Strategy

- Align agreements with the Siemens Railcar Contract
- Purchase 30 railcars sets of equipment initially
- Set up agreements for up to an additional 30 railcar sets of equipment for option trains

Two of these items are up for consideration today.

Vontas CAD/AVL Deliverables

- Hardware System for Each Train Operating End
 - IVLU (Integrated Vehicle Logic Unit), MDT (Mobile Display Terminal), Harnesses
- Installation Inspection of First Article Inspection Train– Pilot Train
 - Siemens Factory in Sacramento
 - Develop Vehicle Acceptance Testing Protocol
- Commission each Train Installation at GCRTA

Motorola Radio – Voice Communications

- APX6500 Mobile Radios
- Control Head Installed in each Operating Cab
- IMPRES Smart Charger for Portable Radios in each Operating Cab
- Utilizes the Ohio Multi-Agency Regional Communication System (MARCS)
- Includes Initial Programming by Motorola at GCRTA
- Enables Communication Between Operators, ICC and Support Staff along the Right Of Way

Procurement Overview

- Owner Furnished Equipment Procurements
 - **Computer Aided Dispatch/Automated Vehicle Location**
 - Exempt from Competitive Solicitation
 - **Radio Communication**
 - Exempt from Competitive Solicitation
- Additional OFE Procurements
 - Fare Collection
 - Exempt from Competitive Solicitation
 - Fare Validation (supporting Account Based Ticketing)
 - Exempt from Competitive Solicitation
 - Cellular Communication and Passenger WI-FI
 - Multiple IFBs
- Non-competitive purchase with Trapeze Software Group, Inc. dba Vontas (“Vontas”)
 - R.C. 306.43 H(3)
 - Competitive procedures are not required when the expenditure is for a renewal or re-negotiation of a lease or license for telecommunications or electronic data processing equipment, services, or systems, or for the upgrade of such equipment, services, or systems, or for the maintenance thereof as supplied by the original source or its successors or assigns

Vontas

Procurement requested a proposal October 8, 2024. A proposal was received November 24, 2024. A 0% DBE goal was assigned to this project. Proposal was reviewed by representatives from the Electronic Repair, Rail Equipment, Information Technology, and Procurement Departments

Vontas Experience:

- Pioneers in providing intelligent transportation systems
- Serving transit for over thirty (30) years
- Over forty (40) offices worldwide
- Support 135+ large transit agencies across North America
- Support 1/3 of top 100 fleets in North America in CAD/AVL space

Vontas Transit clients include GCRTA, Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), Capital Area Transit Authority (CATA), Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), Pace Suburban Bus (Suburban Chicago), among many others.

Recommendation:

Staff requests that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Board of Trustees the award for Computer Aided Dispatch and Automated Vehicle Locator (CAD/AVL) equipment and services to Trapeze Software Group, Inc. dba Vontas in a negotiated contract amount not to exceed \$704,079.00 for the base thirty car sets, and in amounts not to exceed \$378,006.00 and \$252,004.00 for two options up to an additional eighteen car sets and twelve car sets, respectively, for a total contract not to exceed \$1,334,089.00. This amount is approximately 5% below the independent cost estimate.

Motorola Solutions, Inc.

Procurement requested a proposal October 15, 2024. A proposal was received November 22, 2024. A 0% DBE goal was assigned to this project. The proposal was reviewed by representatives from the Electronic Repair, Rail Equipment, Information Technology and Procurement Departments.

Motorola's Experience:

- Headquartered in Chicago, Illinois
- 19,000+ employees in 60 countries
- Highly experienced with public entities and first responders
- Pioneers in mobile communications dating to 1930s
- Developed first cellular phone in 1983
- Heavily invested in R&D
 - \$734M in 2021

Motorola's clients include GCRTA, Akron Metro, City of Cleveland, City of Parma Heights, Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, among many others.

Recommendation:

Staff requests that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Board of Trustees the award for mobile radio communications equipment to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in a negotiated contract amount not to exceed \$211,364.40 for the base thirty car sets, and in amounts not to exceed \$126,818.64 and \$111,527.64 for two options up to an additional eighteen car sets and twelve car sets, respectively, for a total contract not to exceed \$449,710.68. This amount is approximately 2% below the independent cost estimate. All these projects are funded.

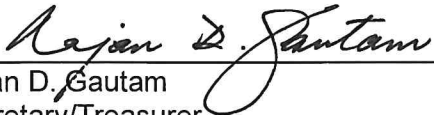
It was moved by Mayor Weiss, seconded by Mr. Sleasman and approved to move the mobile radio communications equipment to the full Board.

It was moved by Mr. Sleasman, seconded by Mayor Weiss and approved to move the Computer Aided Dispatch and Automated Vehicle Locator contract to the full Board.

Internal Audit Report

This item was struck from the agenda due to time constraints. This report was reviewed by the Audit Committee at their last quarterly meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.



Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Assistant