

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-65

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2023-114 WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM ("MARCS") TO PROVIDE 700/800MHZ WIRELESS DIGITAL RADIO NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS (GENERAL FUND, INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") has recurring requirements to utilize radio channels with the Ohio Multi-Agency Radio Communication System ("MARCS"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority currently has an interagency agreement utilizing the Ohio MARCS network for its Transit Police, Bus, Rail, and Paratransit radio communications; and

WHEREAS, said subscription service is only available through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 306.43(H)(4) provides that competitive bidding is 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 contract, or as a participant in a department of administrative services contract under R.C. 125.04(B); and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the renewal of the interagency agreement with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System to provide 700/800 MHz wireless digital radio network subscription services in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for a period of three years 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 of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System to provide 700/800 MHz wireless digital radio network subscription services be and the same is hereby accepted.

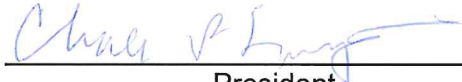
Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority be and she is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System, to provide said services.

Section 3. This procurement shall be payable through the General Fund, Intelligent Transportation Systems Department budget, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for a period of three years.


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 this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: August 29, 2023



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR RADIO DEVICES – THREE-YEAR PERIOD VENDOR: OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (“MARCS”) AMOUNT: NTE \$1,200,000.00 FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD	Resolution No.: 2023-65
	Date: August 24, 2023
	Initiator: Intelligent Transportation Systems 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 continue using its existing interagency agreement with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (“MARCS”) subscription service for its mobile radios, portable radios and dispatch consoles for a period of three years.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** MARCS is a 700/800 MHz radio and data network that utilizes state-of-the-art trunked technology to provide statewide interoperability in digital clarity to subscribers throughout Ohio and a 10-mile radius outside the state. MARCS currently serves over 3,000 public safety/public service agencies statewide. The Authority currently has over 1,000 mobile radios, portable radios and dispatch consoles subscribed through the MARCS network for the Authority’s radio communication. The Authority’s Operations Division, including bus, rail, paratransit, and Transit Police, rely heavily upon the MARCS network to fulfill the Authority’s mission.

Transit Police were early adopters of the MARCS network. The Operations Division transitioned its radio communications to the MARCS network in 2019 as part of the Authority’s radio replacement project. Previously, Operations had used four (4) cell towers, with limited and unreliable coverage for its communication needs. Prior to beginning the radio replacement project in 2018, the Authority hired a consultant to study and identify the best communication method to meet our operators’ and customers’ needs. The study demonstrated that the MARCS network provided superior coverage and was recommended as the solution for the Authority’s radio communication.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** R.C. 306.43(H)(4) states that competitive bidding is 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 contract, or as a participant in a department of administrative services contract under R.C. 125.04(B). The current fee is set at \$25 per month, per unit, for utilizing the MARCS system. This is the same fee paid by all users on the system.

- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** The Office of Business Development does not conduct Affirmative Action reviews or set DBE participation goals on governmental contracts or interagency agreements.

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

- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This contract shall be payable through the General Fund, Intelligent Transportation Systems Department budget, at a total price not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for a period of three years.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would prevent the use of the Operations Division from using the MARCS network, a service that is critical to providing reliable communications throughout the Authority's operations.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the August 8, 2023 Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System, be accepted and the resolution passed 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