

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2023-94 WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE METROHEALTH LINE BUS RAPID TRANSIT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,353,751.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") is seeking the services of a professional design consulting firm that specializes in design and engineering services to develop the plans, specifications, and other deliverables necessary for construction of approximately four miles of bus rapid transit and related improvements; and

WHEREAS, such design and engineering services are available from Michael Baker International, Inc., located at 1111 Superior Avenue, Suite 2300, Cleveland, Ohio 44114; and

WHEREAS, Michael Baker International, Inc. offered to provide design and engineering services for the MetroHealth Line Bus Rapid Transit ("BRT") in an amount not to exceed \$2,353,751.00; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Michael Baker International, Inc., as negotiated, 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 Michael Baker International, Inc. to provide design services for the MetroHealth Line BRT, 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 Michael Baker International, Inc. to provide design and engineering services for the MetroHealth Line BRT.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-2021-050-307-5307 in an amount of \$1,900,000.00 and pending grant funds for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023 in an amount of \$453,751.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,353,751.00 (\$1,883,000.80 in federal funds, which represent 80% of total cost).

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon 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 Michael Baker International, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 13% DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: January 23, 2024



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: DESIGN SERVICES FOR METROHEALTH LINE BUS RAPID TRANSIT VENDOR: MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. AMOUNT: NTE \$2,353,751.00	Resolution No.: 2024-4
	Date: January 18, 2024
	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 design consulting services for the MetroHealth Line Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”).
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Authority is seeking the services of an outside consultant to perform design and engineering services to develop the plans, specifications, and other deliverables necessary for construction of approximately four miles of bus rapid transit and related improvements on W. 25th Street. The Authority requires specialized design services contemplated by this project, depth of transit industry knowledge, and additional staff to complete the design and help administer the construction to complete the project on schedule.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposals (“RFP”) was posted on the Authority’s Procurement website and advertised in local newspapers. Forty-one (41) interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package. Four (4) proposals were received. 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 cannot 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 Michael Baker International, Inc., the first-ranked firm, and an acceptable price was reached.

Michael Baker International, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Authority, Ohio Department of Transportation, Norfolk Southern, Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, Port of Cleveland, and Pittsburg Regional Transit Authority, among others.

The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposed pricing from Michael Baker International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,353,751.00, to be fair and reasonable to the Authority. This negotiated price is 0.16% above the Independent Engineer’s Estimate of \$2,350,000.00.

- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 13% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Michael Baker International, Inc. has committed to achieving the DBE participation goal through the utilization of 2LMN, Inc. (Subcontinent Asian male-owned) in the amount of \$371,388.00 and ASC Group, Inc. (Caucasian female-owned) in the amount of \$99,804.00 for a total DBE participation of \$471,192.00 or 16.6%.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This procurement shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-2021-050-307-5307 in an amount of \$1,900,000.00 and pending grant funds for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023 in an amount of \$453,751.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,353,751.00 (\$1,883,000.80 in federal funds, which represent 80% of total cost).
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would jeopardize potential future funding for the construction of the MetroHealth Line BRT. In addition, the rejection of this offer will impact the improvement of transit mobility along the MetroHealth corridor.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the January 9, 2024 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer of Michael Baker International, 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