



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION CONTRACT: BLUE LINE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY VENDOR: PB AMERICAS, INC. AMOUNT: \$1,117,433.00	Resolution No.: 2009-45
	Date: June 25, 2009
	Initiator: Programming and Planning Department
ACTION REQUEST: <input 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 Authority to enter into a contract to obtain a transportation planning consultant to conduct an Alternatives Analysis/Environmental study for the Blue Line Corridor in Shaker Heights, OH.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The project will analyze a major transportation improvement in this area that presently includes the terminus of the Light Rail Blue Line. It is also a major hub in RTA's service network. The study will include light rail, bus and pedestrian access across the Chagrin/Warrensville intersection. This study is mandated by FTA as the first step to receive New Starts federal funding.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: The Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted on the GCRTA Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Forty-six prospective proposers accessed and/or downloaded the solicitation and two proposals were received. After evaluation by a panel of Authority employees in accordance with established Procurement Department policies and procedures, and after negotiations, the proposal of PB Americas, Inc. to conduct this study was selected as the most advantageous to the Authority.

A cost analysis was performed and the Procurement Department has determined the price of PB Americas, Inc. to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.
- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 17% DBE goal has been established for this procurement. PB Americas, Inc., has committed to achieving 19.1% DBE participation through the utilization of the following certified DBE firms: Gallop Corporation (Asian Pacific) in the amount of \$94,200, Lawhon & Associates (Female) in the amount of \$ 88,065, and BrownFlynn Communications, Ltd., (Female) in the amount of \$ 31,166 for a total of \$213,431 or 19.1%.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: This is consistent with GCRTA's Long Range Plan and the Regional NOACC Transportation Plan.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement will be funded through the RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds, Line Item 44.24.00 in the amount of \$296,318.00 for Phase 1 Alternatives Analysis, ARRA Capital Grant OH-96-X027, Line Item 12.71.11 in the amount of \$597,312 for Phase II NEPA Documentation/Design and future grant funds in the amount of \$223,803 for Phase III New Starts Documentation for total contract amount of \$1,117,433.00 (\$597,312.00 in Federal fund which represents approximately 53% of the total cost). The award of this contract is based on initially using available 100% Local funds, \$597,312.00 of which will be replaced by FTA funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

Each phase is governed by a separate notice-to-proceed. Authorization of Phase III notice-to-proceed will be contingent upon FTA approval of a Capital Grant earmarked for this project. The negotiated price is 10% less than the estimate.

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will leave the Authority without the ability to seek FTA New Starts funding for major transit projects and to improve rail, bus and pedestrian access in this area.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of PB Americas, Inc. be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer 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.

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-45

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2009-048 WITH PB AMERICAS, INC. FOR PERFORMING THE BLUE LINE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS/ ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,117,433.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has a requirement to conduct an Alternatives Analysis/ Environmental study for the Blue Line Corridor in Shaker Heights to implement a major transportation improvement; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of PB Americas, Inc., located at 614 West Superior Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 for providing such service was received on May 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, PB Americas, Inc. offered to conduct this study in an amount not to exceed one million one hundred seventeen thousand four hundred thirty-three & 00/100 dollars (\$1,117,433.00) for three phases of services on this project; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the negotiated offer of PB Americas, Inc. to be in the best interest of the Authority, price and other factors considered, 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 PB Americas, Inc. for conducting a Blue Line Alternatives Analysis study, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with PB Americas, Inc. to conduct this study.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department budget, including but not limited to 2009 Local Funds in the amount of \$296,318 for Phase I Alternatives Analysis, ARRA Capital Grant OH-96-X027 in the amount of \$597,312.00 for Phase II NEPA Documentation/Design and future grant funds in the amount of \$223,803.00 for Phase III New Starts Documentation for a total contract amount of \$1,117,433.00 (\$597,312.00 in Federal funds which represents approximately 53% of the total cost). The award of this contract is based on initially using available 100% Local funds, \$597,312 of which will be replaced by FTA funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Each phase is governed by a separate notice-to-proceed. Authorization of Phase III notice-to-proceed will be contingent upon FTA approval of a Capital Grant earmarked for this project.

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2009-023; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to the contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects that PB Americans, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 17% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: June 30, 2009

President

Attest: _____
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer