

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-112

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2019-120 WITH RIO GRANDE PACIFIC TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR PROJECT 12D – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TRUNK LINE SIGNAL CONCEPTUAL DESIGN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$268,412.13 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority requires a 30% conceptual design for the trunk line signal replacement from East 79th interlocking to Shaker Square Station in the City of Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the specific deliverables will be the recommendation of layout, configuration, equipment for a new signal system meeting FTA requirements, and providing associated cost estimates; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Rio Grande Pacific Technology, Inc., with an office located at 108 S. Madison Avenue, Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40243, to perform said services was received on September 26, 2019 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, Rio Grande Pacific Technology, Inc. has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$268,412.13; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Rio Grande Pacific Technology, 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 of Rio Grande Pacific Technology, Inc. to provide engineering services for Project 12D – Engineering Services for The Trunk Line Signal Conceptual Design, 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 Rio Grande Pacific Technology, Inc. for the performance of said services.


Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Funds, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds, pending grant award amendment to OH-2018-002, in an amount not to exceed \$268,412.13 (\$214,729.70 in federal funds which represents 80% of total cost)

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, thereto, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2015-76; 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 Rio Grande Pacific Technology, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 4% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: December 17, 2019



President

Attest: 

Interim Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: PROJECT 12D – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TRUNK LINE SIGNAL CONCEPTUAL DESIGN VENDOR: RIO GRANDE PACIFIC TECHNOLOGY, INC. AMOUNT: \$268,412.13	Resolution No.: 2019-112
	Date: December 12, 2019
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development
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 Authority to enter into a contract for Engineering Services for The Trunk Line Signal Conceptual Design.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This project will provide a 30% conceptual design for the trunk line signal replacement from East 79th interlocking to Shaker Square Station in the City of Cleveland, OH. The specific deliverables will be the recommendation of layout, configuration and equipment for a new signal system meeting FTA requirements, and for providing associated cost estimates.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposal ("RFP") was posted on the GCRTA Procurement web site and advertised in the local newspapers. Thirty-seven (37) 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. Three (3) proposals were received. In this instance, negotiations were held with Rio Grande Pacific Technology, Inc., the first ranked firm, and an acceptable price was reached.
- Rio Grande Pacific Technology, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the GCRTA, Houston Metro, St. Louis Metrolink, and Central Puget Sound Regional Transportation Authority, among others.
- The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposed pricing to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.
- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 4% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Rio Grande Pacific Technology, Inc. has committed achieving the DBE participation goal through the utilization of Clark Transportation Consulting & Services (African American-owned) in the amount of \$72,988.00 or 27.2%.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Funds, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to, 100% Local Funds, pending grant award amendment to OH-2018-002, in an amount not to exceed \$268,412.13 (\$214,729.70 in federal funds which represents 80% of total cost)

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would leave the Authority without the technical expertise of a professional signal engineering firm to assist in updating and designing the signal system along the trunk line.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the December 3, 2019 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Rio Grande Pacific Technology, Inc. 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