

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-53

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2025-032 WITH LAKE ERIE ELECTRIC OF OHIO, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$224,625.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") deems it necessary to purchase fiber optic cable for the Light Rail Fiber Optic Project; and

WHEREAS, the bid from Lake Erie Electric of Toledo, Inc., located at 12763 Middleton Pike, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, was received on April 3, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$224,625.00; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the bid from Lake Erie Electric of Toledo, Inc. to be the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder 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 bid from Lake Erie Electric of Toledo, Inc. for the purchase of fiber optic cable be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer be and she is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Lake Erie Electric of Toledo, Inc. for the fiber optic cable purchase.

Section 3. That said contract shall be funded through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-2024-011-337 in an amount not to exceed \$224,625.00 (\$179,700.00 in federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).

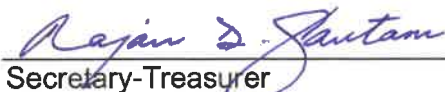
Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor to the specifications and addenda, if any; the bonding and insurance requirements; and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

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

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

Adopted: May 20, 2025

Attest:


Secretary-Treasurer


President



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: FIBER OPTIC CABLE VENDOR: LAKE ERIE ELECTRIC OF TOLEDO, INC. AMOUNT: \$224,625.00	Resolution No.: 2025-53
	Date: May 15, 2025
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development Department
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval Review/Comment Information Only Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") to enter into a contract for Project 59B, Fiber Optic Cable Purchase.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The project is for the purchase, delivery, and testing of fiber optic cable for the Light Rail Fiber Optic Project.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: The Invitation for Bid was posted on the Authority's Procurement Department website and advertised in the local newspapers. Twenty-five (25) interested parties, including subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation. Three (3) bids were received and opened on April 3, 2025. The two (2) responsive bids received are as follows:

Company Name	Total Base Bid
Lake Erie Electric of Toledo, Inc.	\$224,625.00
Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.	\$274,263.00

The bid from Lake Erie Electric of Toledo, Inc. has been determined by the Procurement Department to be the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder.

A price analysis has been performed, and the Procurement Department has determined the price to be fair and reasonable to the Authority. The bid price is approximately 2.62% below the engineer's estimate.

- 4.0 DBE BACKGROUND: A 5% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Lake Erie Electric of Toledo, Inc. has committed to achieving the DBE participation goal through the utilization of Peak Electric (African American male-owned) in the amount of \$13,000.00 or 5%.
- 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-2024-011-337, in an amount not to exceed \$224,625.00 (\$179,700.00 in federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this bid. Rejection of this bid would impact the ability of the Authority to have fiber optic cable available for project installation.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the bid from Lake Erie Electric of Toledo, 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