

# **Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority**

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AWARD

#### **CORPORATE MARKETING SERVICES**

Presented to: Finance Committee October 8, 2013



- Scope of Services:
  - Assist the Authority in the development of a revenue generating, corporate sponsorship marketing program
  - Develop and implement a strategic marketing plan to identify and solicit potential sponsors



- Scope of Services (continued):
  - Determine market value of assets/sponsorship opportunities
  - Match assets with prospective sponsors
  - Negotiate corporate sponsorship agreements























 Superlative Group, Inc. is the current contractor for these services. It has proven to be very successful at generating revenue for the Authority and a continuation of the program is desired.













HealthLine Vehicle Graphics

















#### **Current Underwriting Partners:**

- HealthLine "Principal Underwriters"
  University Hospitals System
  Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- Term: 25 years
- Annual Fee: \$125,000 each



#### **Current Partners:**

HealthLine Station Underwriting Partners:

- Medical Mutual, Cleveland State
   University, Huntington Bank, Bryant
   and Stratton
- Term: 10 years
- Annual Fee: \$30,000 each



- RFP issued May 17, 2013
- Accessed on the RTA Web site by nine (9) potential vendors
- Two vendors responded



- Evaluation Panel Members:
  - Marketing
  - Office of Management & Budget
  - Legal
  - Procurement
  - Executive



- Evaluation Criteria:
  - Project Approach Proposed Process
  - Qualifications and Experience of Assigned Staff
  - Corporate Sponsorship Experience
  - Revenue Sharing Plan



Recommended Vendor:

- The Superlative Group, Inc.
- DBE Goal: Zero
- Headquartered in Cleveland Ohio



#### Experience:

- Full service marketing and sales organization founded in 1994
- Pioneered naming rights and sponsorship in transit
- Represents public sector sponsorship clients on a variety of sponsorship campaigns and naming rights.



- Experience (continued):
  - Experience in transit sponsorship markets including Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Chicago Metra; LACMTA; Phoenix Valley Light Metro Rail; Toronto Metrolinx; Dallas Area Rapid Transit; and San Diego Metropolitan Transit System.



#### Recommendation:

 Staff requests that the Finance Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees award of a three-year revenue generating contract with two one-year options to the Superlative Group, Inc. The Authority will receive the same percentage of revenue generated on this contract as on the expiring contract.