

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-14

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2004-098 WITH DEWOLFF PARTNERSHIP ARCHITECTS FOR PROJECT 24H – ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FINAL DESIGN OF THE PURITAS RAPID TRANSIT STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$635,182.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND - PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET).

WHEREAS, the Authority deems it necessary to procure Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services for the Final Design of the Puritas Rapid Transit Station, as described under Project 24H; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of DeWolff Partnership Architects, with offices located at 3855 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 to perform said services was received on December 10, 2004, in response to a request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, an amount of six hundred thirty five thousand one hundred eighty two & 00/100 dollars (\$635,182.00) was agreed upon and DeWolff Partnership Architects was determined to be the most technically qualified firm offering to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the offer of, DeWolff Partnership Architects, 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 DeWolff Partnership Architects, as negotiated, to perform A/E Final Design Services under Project 24H – A/E Services for the Final Design of the Puritas Rapid Transit Station be and the same is hereby accepted as the most advantageous to the Authority, cost and all other factors considered.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with DeWolff Partnership Architects for the performance of said services.

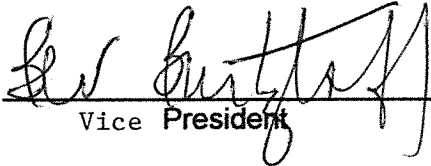
Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Programming & Planning Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-03-0226 (\$508,145.60 in Federal funds, which represents 80% of the total cost).

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon FTA approval of a grant amendment, compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, thereto, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2004-112; 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 DeWolff Partnership Architects to exceed the 20% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: February 15, 2005


Vice President

Attest:


CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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	Date: February 10, 2005
	Initiator: Programming & Planning 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:** This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract with DeWolff Partnership Architects to provide A/E Services for the Final Design of the Puritas Rapid Transit Station, Project 24H.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The project consists of the design and engineering efforts required to reconstruct the Puritas Rapid Transit Station. The station was built in 1966 and is at the end of its useful life. This project will reconstruct the major station elements including the headhouse, the interior of the tunnel under the tracks, parking areas, canopy, escalators and elevators. It will also include new ADA accessible features such as an elevator, signage, and tactile warning strips. The Authority will also increase the presence of the station in its environment making it more visible and accessible while using contextual architecture elements. The community will be involved in both the planning and design.

This is a Key Station and part of the Authority's ADA Voluntary Compliance Agreement, which requires it to meet Americans' with Disabilities Act standards. This project is included in the Capital Budget, the Long Range Plan, the Authority's and NOACA's Transportation Improvement Plan.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Requests for Proposals were downloaded from the GCRTA web site. There were seventeen prospective proposers for this solicitation. Six proposals were received on December 10, 2004.

These services were solicited through a competitive negotiated procurement, utilizing the Brooks Act procedures. Under this process, the Authority's evaluation panel selects the most technically qualified firms to interview, based on the written proposals received. Interviews are conducted and based on this process the single most technically qualified firm is selected and asked to submit a cost proposal. The Authority then negotiates with that firm. Should the Authority determine that a mutual agreement couldn't 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 the first ranked firm and an acceptable price was reached. A cost analysis was performed and the Procurement Department has determined the negotiated price to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 20% DBE goal was established for this procurement. DeWolff Partnership Architects has committed to exceed the DBE goal through the utilization of the following DBE firm(s):

DBE(s) Name/Address	DBE Category	Scope of Work	Amount	Percent
Roberts Consultants, Inc. Cleveland, Ohio	African American Male	Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Design	\$86,433.00	13.61%
The Outside In, Inc. Beachwood, Ohio	African American Male	Landscape Architecture	\$37,922.00	5.97%
MV Technologies Akron, Ohio	Asian Indian Male	Environmental	\$5,099.00	.80%
3D Visual North Randall, Ohio	African American Male	Visualization	\$6,400.00	1.01%
		Total DBE Participation:	\$135,854.00	21.39%

5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.

6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Programming and Planning Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-03-0226, Line 12.34.02 in the amount of \$635,182.00 (\$508,145.60 in Federal funds, which represents 80% of the total cost). This contract is contingent upon FTA approval of a grant amendment. This amount is 21% below the budget of \$800,000.00 for this project.

7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will impact the design for the reconstruction of the Puritas Rapid Transit Station and potentially impact the safety and convenience of our customers, employees, and equipment.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was reviewed by the Board of Trustees Planning and Development Committee at their February 1, 2005 meeting and recommended for approval to the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the offer of DeWolff Partnership Architects 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