

RESOLUTION 2005-36

AUTHORIZING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT 2005-025 WITH SBC GLOBAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO THE AUTHORITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AT A TOTAL PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$1,530,000.00 (GENERAL FUND, INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT BUDGET).

WHEREAS, the Authority currently utilizes SBC Global Services for telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, with the recently implemented PBX and telephone network equipment upgrade the Authority has completed, it is now necessary to expand the telecommunications services provided by SBC Global Services in order to take advantage of the additional functionality provided by the new equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code, Section 306.43H(8) provides that competitive bidding is not required when the purchase consists of a product or services of a public utility; and

WHEREAS, the offer of SBC Global Services located at 45 Erieview Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio 44112, to provide Authority-wide telecommunication services for a period of three (3) years was received on February 2, 2005; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, a total price not to exceed \$1,530,000.00 for all of the Authority's telecommunication requirements was agreed upon; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the negotiated offer of SBC Global Systems 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 SBC Global Services, as negotiated, to provide telecommunications services to the Authority for a period of three (3) years 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 SBC Global Services to provide telecommunications services to the Authority for a period of three (3) years.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable out of the General Fund, Information Systems Department budget at a total price not to exceed one million five hundred thirty thousand & 00/100 dollars (\$1,530,000.00) for a period of three (3) years.

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon appropriation of funds for future years; 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 contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects SBC Global Services to attempt to exceed the 0% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: March 15, 2005



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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Title/Description: AUTHORIZING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT 2005-025 WITH SBC GLOBAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO THE AUTHORITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AT A TOTAL PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$1,530,000.00 (GENERAL FUND, INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT BUDGET).	Resolution No.: 2005-36
	Date: March 10, 2005
	Initiator: Information Systems Department
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

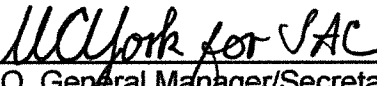
- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract for telecommunications services with SBC Global Services.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The purpose of this contract is to allow the Authority to combine regulated and non-regulated service into one contract allowing optimum use of current technology, eligibility for volume discounts and establishment of a redundant connection to the SBC central office for telephone and data services. As a result of the recent upgrade of the Authority's PBX and telephone network the capability exists for display of Caller ID's and to establish 911 functionality for the Transit Police. Also, it is a significant advantage to the Authority to upgrade our leased incoming and outgoing lines from T1 type lines to ISDN type lines. This type of line is provided on a contractual basis.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** This sole source contract is exempt from competitive bidding as authorized under Section 306.43H(8) of the Ohio Revised Code which allows for non-competitive procurements when procuring the products services of a public utility.
- The Procurement Department requested a proposal from SBC Global Services. The Information Systems Department reviewed the proposal for adherence to technical scope. The Procurement Department determined the price, after negotiations, to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.
- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 0% DBE goal was established for this procurement due to the lack of subcontracting opportunities
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This contract will be funded by the General Fund, Information Systems Department budget at a total price not to exceed one million five hundred thirty thousand and & 00/100 dollars (\$1,530,000.00) for a period of three (3) years.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would prevent the Authority from maximizing the functionality and cost savings offered by the new telecommunications switches, as well as, requiring significant infrastructure investment.

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8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This project was reviewed by the Board of Trustees Finance Committee at their March 1, 2005 meeting and recommended for approval to the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the offer of SBC Global Services 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