

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-42

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2023-054 WITH HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR PROJECT 19.67 – ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION - 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS (RTA CAPITAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) requires task order inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Hill International, Inc., with an office located at 9100 South Hills Blvd., Suite 230, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147, to perform said services was received on April 20, 2023 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, Hill International, Inc. has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of twenty-four (24) months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Hill International, Inc. to be the most advantageous to the Authority, finds the price to be fair and reasonable for said services, 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 Hill International, Inc. to provide various task order services under Project 19.67 On-Call Construction Inspection - 2023 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 Hill International, Inc. for the performance of said services.

Section 3. This procurement shall be payable through the RTA Capital and/or RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to 100% local Funds and FTA Grants to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

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, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees; 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 Hill International, Inc. will attempt to exceed the 13% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: June 27, 2023



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION - 2023 VENDOR: HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000.00 FOR A TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTH PERIOD	Resolution No.: 2023-42
	Date: June 22, 2023
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development 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 Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) to enter into a contract for On-Call Construction Inspection services for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This project is to obtain professional services to provide construction inspection support to internal Authority staff. Tasks will be issued on an as-needed basis to support staff on various projects throughout the Authority.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposals (“RFP”) was posted on the Authority’s Procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Twenty-eight (28) interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package. Three (3) proposals were received on April 20, 2023. 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. In this instance, negotiations were held with Hill International, Inc., the first-ranked firm, and an acceptable price was reached.

Hill International, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Authority, including the Rehabilitation of the Cuyahoga Viaduct, the Light Rail Track Rehabilitation, and the Red Line Track Curve Replacement, among others.

The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposed pricing from Hill International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of twenty-four (24) months, to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/ DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 13% DBE goal was established for this procurement. Hill International Inc. has committed to achieving the DBE participation goal through the utilization of Somat Engineering of Ohio Inc. (Subcontinent Asian male-owned) in the amount of \$58,500.00 or 13%.

- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.

- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This procurement shall be payable through the RTA Capital and/or RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to, 100% local funds and FTA Grants to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would leave the Authority without the staff required to properly support the various projects underway and create hardship on the Authority's Engineering Department due to their existing workload.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the June 6, 2023 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Hill International, 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