

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-93

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2025-061(B) WITH HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR PROJECT 20.32 – ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES – 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS (RTA CAPITAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") requires professional consultants to provide on-site construction managers on various construction projects; 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 July 17, 2025 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 \$400,000.00 for period of twenty-four months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer of Hill International, Inc. to be advantageous to 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 negotiated offer of Hill International, Inc. to provide professional construction management services under Project 20.32 - On-Call Construction Inspection Services – 2025 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 for 20.32 - On-Call Construction Inspection Services – 2025 with Hill International, Inc. for the performance of said services for a period of twenty-four months.

Section 3. This procurement shall be payable from the RTA Capital and/or RTA Development Funds, 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 \$400,000.00 for a period of 24 months.

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor with the specifications and addenda, if any; 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 10% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

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

Adopted: September 23, 2025


President

Attest: , acting
Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES – 2025 VENDOR: HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS	Resolution No.: 2025-93
	Date: September 18, 2025
	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 Project 20.32 – On-Call Construction Inspection Services – 2025.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This project is to obtain professional services to provide on-site construction managers on various construction projects. The services will be authorized by task order on an as needed basis.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposals ("RFP") was posted on the Authority's Procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Thirty-one (31) interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package and four (4) responsive proposals were received. These services were solicited through a competitive negotiated procurement, utilizing the Brooks Act Procedures. For this project, the Authority determined that a contract with two on-call inspection firms was most advantageous to the Authority due to the combination of: 1) the anticipated high volume of inspection services needed; 2) the compressed time period for completing the construction; and 3) the severe detrimental impact that any delays in inspecting and completing construction would have upon rail service. Therefore, negotiations were held with the two top-ranked firms. An acceptable price was negotiated with both Quality Control Inspection, Inc., the first-ranked firm, and Hill International, Inc., the second-ranked firm.

Hill International, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Authority, ODOT, Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, and the City of Cleveland, among others.

The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposed pricing to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 4.0 **DBE BACKGROUND:** DBE participation requirements have been met. A 10% DBE goal was established for this procurement, which is equivalent to \$40,000.00. 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 that will be a function of the specific nature of the on-call service required.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.

- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This contract shall be payable from the RTA Capital and/or RTA Development Funds, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to 100% local funds and FTA grant funds to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for a period of 24 months.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer could compromise the Authority's ability to provide construction management oversight when project workload exceeds the capacity of internal staff.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the September 9, 2025 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from Hill International, 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