

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-95**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2025-094 WITH R.E. WARNER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROJECT 66E2 – ARCHITECT/ENGINEER SERVICES FOR LIGHT RAIL STATIONS MODIFICATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$586,608.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)**

**WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) requires Architect/Engineer Services for Light Rail Stations Modifications; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposal from R.E. Warner & Associates, Inc. (“R.E. Warner”), with an office located at 25000 Country Club Blvd., Suite 340, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070, to perform said services was received on July 24, 2025 in response to a competitive solicitation; and**

**WHEREAS, after negotiations, R.E. Warner has agreed to perform the required services for an amount not to exceed \$586,608.00; and**

**WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer from R.E. Warner to be the most 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 from R.E. Warner to provide architect/engineer services under Project 66E2 – Architect/Engineer Services for Light Rail Stations Modifications be and the same is hereby accepted.**

**Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for Project 66E2 – Architect/Engineer Services for Light Rail Stations Modifications with R.E. Warner for the performance of said services.**

**Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Funds, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to, Capital Grant OH-2024-011-337, in an amount not to exceed \$586,608.00 (\$469,286.40 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 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 R.E. Warner 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.**

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Adopted: September 23, 2025

Paul Kunn  
President

Attest: Kayla Gutierrez, acting  
Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority  
**STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>CONTRACT: PROJECT 66E2 – ARCHITECT/ENGINEER SERVICES FOR LIGHT RAIL STATIONS MODIFICATIONS</b>  <b>VENDOR: R.E. WARNER &amp; ASSOCIATES, INC.</b>  <b>AMOUNT: \$586,608.00</b>	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2025-95
	<b>Date:</b> September 18, 2025
	<b>Initiator:</b> Engineering & Project Development Department
<b>ACTION REQUEST:</b> <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 Architect/Engineer Services for Light Rail Stations Modifications.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The objective of this project is to widen the platforms at fourteen (14) light rail stations in order to provide proper interface with the new rail vehicles for both low-level and high-level boarding.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposal was posted on the Authority's Procurement Department website and advertised in local newspapers. Nineteen (19) interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package. 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 R.E. Warner & Associates, Inc. ("R.E. Warner"), the first-ranked firm, and an acceptable price was negotiated.

R.E. Warner has successfully completed projects for the Authority, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Cuyahoga Community College, and the City of Cincinnati, 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 requirements have been met. A 10% DBE goal was established for this procurement. RE Warner & Associates has committed to achieving the DBE participation goal through the utilization of Lawhon & Associates (Caucasian female-owned) in the amount of \$58,660.00 or 10%.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Funds, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to, Capital Grant OH-2024-011-337, in an amount not to exceed \$586,608.00 (\$469,286.40 in federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).

- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejecting this offer will create legal and operational challenges, as these stations would not be ADA compliant and would not accommodate passengers who need ADA compliant access at the fourteen (14) stations.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the September 9, 2025 Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from R.E. Warner 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.



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General Manager, Chief Executive Officer