



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: PROJECT 20.65 – CONSULTING SERVICES FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY CERTIFICATION OF GCRTA RAIL TRANSIT PROJECTS IV VENDOR: K&J SAFETY AND SECURITY CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. AMOUNT: NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000 FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS	Resolution No.: 2026-49
	Date: July 16, 2026
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development Department

ACTION REQUEST:
☒ Approval ☐ Review/Comment ☐ Information Only ☐ Other _____

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") to enter into a contract for Project 20.65 – Consulting Services for Safety and Security Certification of GCRTA Rail Transit Projects IV.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This contract is for professional consulting services for safety and security certification for the Authority's major transit projects. Such certification will ensure the transit projects are operationally safe for passengers, employees, emergency responders and the public, in compliance with the Authority's Safety and Security Certification Plan adopted in May 2007, as amended.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposals ("RFP") was posted on the Authority's Procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. Fourteen (14) interested parties, including potential subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation package, and four (4) proposals were received. The consulting 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 pricing 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 K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. ("K&J"), the first-ranked firm, and acceptable pricing was reached.
- K&J has successfully completed projects for the Authority, WMATA, SEPTA, and PRITA, among others.
- The Procurement Department performed a cost analysis and determined the proposal from K&J to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.
- 4.0 **DBE BACKGROUND:** As a result of the USDOT Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register and made effective October 3, 2025, DBE goal setting has been suspended on the Authority's projects until further notice
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.

- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: 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 Grant Funds to be determined, in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 for a period of thirty-six months.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will impact the Authority's ability to comply with its Safety and Security Certification Plan and provide safe operations for passengers and employees.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the July 7, 2026 Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from K&J 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-49

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2026-062 WITH K&J SAFETY AND SECURITY CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. FOR PROJECT 20.65 – CONSULTING SERVICES FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY CERTIFICATION FOR GCRTA RAIL TRANSIT PROJECTS IV IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000 FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX MONTHS (RTA CAPITAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") requires professional consulting services for Project 20.65 – Consulting Services for Safety and Security Certification of GCRTA Rail Transit Projects IV; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. ("K&J"), with an office located at 1395 S Highway 95A, Cantonment, Florida 32533, to perform said services was received on May 28, 2026 in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, K&J has agreed to perform the required services in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 for period of thirty-six months; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer deems the offer from K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. 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 K&J to provide professional consulting services under Project 20.65 Consulting Services for Safety and Security Certification of GCRTA Rail Transit Projects IV be and the same is hereby accepted.

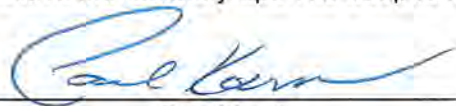
Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer be and she is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for Project 20.65 – Consulting Services for Safety and Security Certification of GCRTA Rail Transit Projects IV with K&J for the performance of said services for a period of thirty-six 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 \$650,000 for a period of thirty-six months.

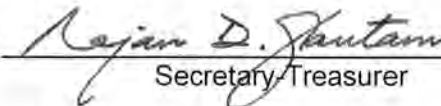
Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor to the specifications and addenda, if any; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: July 21, 2026



President

Attest: 

Secretary/Treasurer