



<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>CONTRACT:</b> TRUNK LINE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK CONSTRUCTION  <b>VENDOR:</b> EDGAR TRENT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC  <b>AMOUNT:</b> \$848,605.00	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2026-38
	<b>Date:</b> May 14, 2026
	<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 Project 59D Trunk Line Fiber Optic Network Construction.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The project is for the installation of fiber optic cable infrastructure for the GCRTA Trunk Line. The Authority shall furnish the fiber optic cable and drop cables. The contractor shall furnish all hardware and appurtenances for the system. The contractor shall also commission the installed system.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Invitation for Bid was posted on the Authority’s Procurement Department website and advertised in the local newspapers. Forty-three (43) interested parties, including subcontractors, downloaded the solicitation. Three (3) bids were received and opened on April 20, 2026. The bids received were as follows:

Company Name	Total Base Bid
Edgar Trent Construction Company, LLC	\$848,605.00
DRS Enterprises, Inc.	\$894,925.90
Wolf Line Construction Company	\$1,174,194.50

The bid from Edgar Trent Construction Company, LLC has been determined by the Procurement Department to be the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder.

A price analysis has been performed, and the Procurement Department has determined the price to be fair and reasonable to the Authority. The total base bid is approximately 26% less than the engineer’s estimate.

- 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 Authority projects until further notice.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.

- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This contract shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-2024-011-337, in an amount not to exceed \$848,605.00 (\$678,884.00 in federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this bid. Rejection of this bid will prevent the Authority from deploying the fiber optic network required for the Trunk Line.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** This procurement was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the May 5, 2026 Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting. It is recommended that the bid from Edgar Trent Construction Company, LLC 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

