

Consulting Services for Safety and Security Certification of GCRTA Rail Transit Projects IV

Presented to: Operational Planning
and Infrastructure Committee

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Safety and Security Certification

- “Incorporate safety and security more fully into transit projects...” by providing “... a consistent process for verifying safety and security requirements...through all phases of project activity.”
- FTA requirement
- Work is by Task Order assignment
- Total Task Orders not to exceed \$650,000 over a 36-month term

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- Potential Task Order Examples:
 - Blue Line Stations Reconstruction
 - West Park, West Blvd., Cedar, and Superior Platform Replacement
 - West 25th/MetroHealth BRT Line Construction
 - West 25th Street Station Rehabilitation
 - Other Safety and Security Certification related projects as needed.

Safety and Security Certification Procurement Overview

- Request for Proposal (RFP) issued April 27, 2026
- Accessed on the GCRTA website by fourteen (14) interested parties
- Four (4) firms submitted a proposal
- Four (4) firms were interviewed

Safety and Security Certification Procurement Overview

Evaluation Panel Members:

- Engineering and Project Development
- Safety Department
- Office of Management and Budget
- Office of Business Development
- Procurement

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Evaluation Criteria:

- Project Manager
- Assigned Staff
- Past Performance
- Project Approach
- Location of Majority of Work
- DBE Participation

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- Most technically qualified vendor:
 - K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc.

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.

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Firm Experience:

- K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Authority, WMATA, SEPTA, and Puerto Rico Integrated Transit Authority (PRITA) among others.
- K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. has performed well on past GCRTA projects and have a knowledgeable staff.

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Recommendation:

- Staff requests that the Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee recommend award to K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. for Consulting Services for Safety and Security Certification of GCRTA Rail Transit Projects IV. The contract is not to exceed \$650,000 for a period of 36 months.

Questions?