

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 26, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: January 28, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	January 19, 2009
Subject:	Installation of Real Time Display Bus Information on Marquette and Second Avenues in Minneapolis, Project 63740
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Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statues 473.405 subd.3
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/ Transportation and Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Alliant Engineering Inc., for the installation of Real Time Displays (RTD) at a cost of up to \$3,303,697.

Background

Real Time Displays provide bus arrival times for bus passengers on the Marquette and Second Avenue transit corridor in downtown Minneapolis as well as at four Park and Rides in Blaine, Roseville, Burnsville and Lakeville. Real Time Displays receive information from a central computer that links information from the automatic vehicle location (AVL) system.

On December 3, 2008, three proposals were received for the RTD project. The evaluation panel reviewed the proposals and recommends award to Alliant Engineering, Inc., as being in the best interest of the Council, at a cost not to exceed \$3,303,697. The Council estimate for this work is \$3,700,000.

Alliant committed 20% of the work to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) companies. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) has reviewed and approved the DBE proposal by Alliant.

Rationale

The Real Time Display system is an integral part of the UPA and approval of the Alliant proposal allows sufficient time to meet the tight timeline of the UPA project. The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding consists of the federal and local portions of the Urban Partnership Agreement grant allotted to transit technology projects as part of project 63740.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Minneapolis has expressed support for this project. There is no known opposition.