

T Transportation Committee

Business Item

Item: 2010-212

Meeting date: June 14, 2010

Council Meeting: June 23, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

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| Date: | May 27, 2010 |
| Subject: | MTS Camera System Installation Contract |
| District(s), Member(s): | All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Acceptance or Rejection of Procurements Over \$250,000 |
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| Division/Department: | Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with VSIS Incorporated for the installation of digital video recording systems for MTS fixed route and dial-a-ride buses in the amount of \$329,550.

Background

A formal solicitation was originally released on February 4, 2010 for the installation of the Verint Camera System in MTS vehicles. Bids were due on February 26, 2010 with no bids being received. A poll was taken of the plan holders as to why they did not bid. Council staff determined that the scope could have been less restrictive and responded by amending the scope and re-soliciting the project.

The second solicitation was issued on March 10, 2010 with bids due on April 1, 2010. Only one bid was received in the amount of \$3.7 million which was significantly higher than the budgeted cost of \$600,000. That bid was rejected by the Council on April 14, 2010 (Business Item 2010-128).

The project was solicited a third time with less restrictive bonding requirements. Two bids were received from that solicitation on Thursday, May 13, 2010. The bids ranged from \$329,550 to \$365,665.

Rationale

VSIS Incorporated was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. Additionally, VSIS Incorporated installed the camera system on all of Metro Transit's fleet. Council staff are confident in their ability to perform the work.

Funding

These costs are included in the capital project and will be paid for using Regional Transit Capital funds as approved by the Council on June 25, 2008 under Business Item 2008-154.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.