

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting – June 13, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: June 12, 2007

Award Professional Engineering Services Contract for Central Corridor Light Rail

Subject: Transit

Summary of Committee Discussion:

Mark Fuhrmann responded to general questions from the Committee Members. Discussion involved a reluctance to commit \$91 M at this time, and was explained by Fuhrmann that Metropolitan Council can cancel the contract at any time if funding is not received. Rich Rovang responded to Councilmember Meeks regarding the amount for offices, staffing, etc. Motion passed with Councilmember Meeks voting against.

Recommendation:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

- To negotiate and execute a professional services contract with DMJM Harris for Engineering Services for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project in an amount not to exceed \$91 million.
- To issue a Notice-To-Proceed for Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities through the end of calendar year 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$35.5 million.
- To approve amendments to the Central Corridor Light Rail Project Engineering Services contract such that the cumulative amendments do not exceed \$4.5 million and any individual amendment does not exceed \$250,000.

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Meeting date: June 11, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	June 7, 2007
Subject:	Award Professional Engineering Services Contract for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit
District(s), Member(s):	District 7: Annette Meeks 612-341-8168 District 8: Lynnette Wittsack 612-788-1235 District 13: Richard Aguilar 651-665-0633 District 14: Vacant
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement of Professional Services
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / CCPO

Proposed Action/Motion

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Issue(s)

- Professional service contracts in excess of \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council approval.
- Council expenditure policy currently authorizes the Regional Administrator to approve amendments to professional services contracts up to 10% of the original approved contract amount, not to exceed \$100,000 in cumulative amendment amounts.

Overview and Funding

The Engineering Services consultant will provide Preliminary Engineering, Advanced Preliminary Engineering, Final Design and Design Support Services during Construction for the CCLRT.

One firm responded to the Council's request for proposals. An Evaluation Panel representing project partners evaluated the proposal and ranked the firm in accordance with established Council procedures for FTA funded projects. DMJM Harris' proposal was determined to be responsive and deemed highly advantageous to the Council.

DMJM Harris' cost proposal is \$91 million, which is less than staff's independent cost estimate.

Funding in the amount of \$45 million is available for all Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities including agency staff costs and office lease costs through calendar year 2008:

- \$7.8 million from FTA,
- \$13 million from State Bonds,
- \$16.9 million from the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCCRA), and
- \$7.3 million from the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA).

Both RCRRRA and HCRRA have approved the Central Corridor LRT Preliminary Engineering Funding Agreement.

Any engineering services associated with this contract for work beyond 2008, including any remaining Advanced Preliminary Engineering, Final Design, and Design Support during Construction, will require future Council approval. The Council has the right to terminate the contract at any time, should that be necessary.

Total dollar commitments for Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities through calendar year 2008 include:

- \$35.5 million for the Engineering Services Contract with DMJM Harris,
- \$3.1 million for the Environmental Services Contract with HDR,
- \$0.1 million for the Washington Avenue Bridge Evaluation Contract with URS,
- \$0.1 million for the Phase I Environmental Services Contract with Peer Engineering, and
- \$5.5 million for office lease, equipment and staffing.

In order to issue amendments in a timely fashion, staff recommends that the Council expenditure policy be amended to authorize the Regional Administrator to approve amendments as noted. This is similar to the specific authority for the Hiawatha Design-Build contract, which established change order limits not to exceed \$350,000 per change order or \$6 million in cumulative change orders.

DMJM Harris' proposal has a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation rate of 17 percent, which meets the 17 percent goal established by the Office of Diversity.