

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 14, 2009

Item: 2008-348

Consent

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: December 9, 2008

Subject: Independent Testing Services for Three Urban Partnership Agreement Park-and-Ride Facilities

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract for independent testing services and construction inspection services relative to the construction of three Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Park-and-Ride facilities at a cost of up to \$440,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

A brief presentation by staff outlined the need for this professional services contract.

Chair Mary Hill Smith asked why all the testing was necessary and was this mandated from the Cities. Ms. Sheppard responded that the testing has always been incorporated into projects and is for our quality assurance.

The item was moved and seconded. The item passed unanimously.

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Meeting date: December 8, 2008

For Metropolitan Council meeting: January 14, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 19, 2008
Subject:	Independent Testing Services for Three Urban Partnership Agreement Park-and-Ride Facilities
District(s), Member(s):	District 10, Kris Sanda, District 16, Brian McDaniel
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement of Architectural and/or Engineering Services
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, Metro Transit 612-349-7510 Tom Thorstenson, Director Engineering & Facilities 612-349-7689 Lindsay Sheppard, Engineer 612-349-7679
Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

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Background

This UPA provides funds for the construction of three park-and-ride structures included in Project 63740 at I-35W and 95th Avenue in Blaine; I-35W and County Road C in Roseville; and adjacent to I-35W between County Road 46 and County Road 50 on Kenrick Avenue in Lakeville. Testing and inspection of various materials and construction results are required by an independent testing services firm to ensure quality control during construction and to comply with code and municipal regulations.

A Request for Proposals was issued October 6, 2008. Four firms responded and an evaluation panel ranked the proposals in accordance with established Council procedures for projects funded with federal dollars. The evaluation panel recommended award to American Engineering Testing, Inc. for the professional services, as being in the best interest of the Council, at a cost of up to \$440,000. American Engineering Testing, Inc. proposed a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation of 17%.

Rationale

The demand for park-and-ride facilities in these areas has been high and is well established. Independent testing services are an essential requirement to ensure high quality results during construction.

Funding

Current funding is available within Project 63740.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known external support or opposition.