

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 23, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: February 25, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	February 19, 2009
Subject:	Installation of a Transit Customer Information System, 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 execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Egan Company, for the installation of a Transit Customer Information System (TCIS) at a cost of \$3,036,811.

Background

To attract prospective riders through the use of real time signage along the freeway and major arterials, the Transit Customer Information System displays both park and ride parking space availability and comparative travel time information between the park and ride and downtown Minneapolis. The TCIS is to be installed at selected park and ride locations along I-35W in Blaine, Roseville, Burnsville and Lakeville.

On February 16, 2009, the Council received four bids for the Transit Customer Information System project. Egan Company is the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The Council's estimate for this work is \$3,627,000.

The contractor has committed 17% of the work to be directed to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) companies. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) finds that Egan Company passes the DBE goal as established.

Rationale

The Transit Customer Information System is an integral part of the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) and approval of the Egan Company bid 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 UPA grant allotted to transit technology projects as part of project 63740.

Known Support / Opposition

The Cities of Blaine, Roseville and, Lakeville, Anoka County and Minnesota Department of Transportation have all expressed support for this project. There is no known opposition.