

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 24, 2008

For Metropolitan Council meeting: April 9, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 17, 2008
Subject:	Design and Implementation Services for Urban Partnership Agreement Transit Technologies Project, Project 63740
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Bus Operations

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract for design and implementation support services related to the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Transit Technologies project (Project 63740).

Background

As part of the overall UPA project, a variety of transit technology improvements will be implemented. These will include real-time park-and-ride space availability information displays, variable message signs comparing travel times to downtown by transit and automobile, bus arrival information signs at park-and-rides and downtown bus shelters, as well as transit signal priorities.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued January 25, 2008 seeking proposals for consultant services for system design and implementation management. Five firms responded to the Council's RFP. An evaluation panel ranked the proposals in accordance with established Council procedures for projects funded with federal dollars. The evaluation panel has recommended award to a team lead by URS, Inc. for the professional services as being in the best interest of the Council, at a cost to be determined but not to exceed \$995,000. URS, Inc. proposed a DBE participation of 20%.

Rationale

Authorization to negotiate and contract for design and implementation management services allows design to begin with sufficient time to meet the tight timeline of the UPA project. The execution of a professional services contract in excess of \$250,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding for this contract will be a combination of federal UPA grant funds and local match totaling \$995,000. Only \$225,000 of the local funding currently exists within project 63740. The contract scope anticipated partial funding and split the project into two phases. A notice to proceed only for the first phase of the project, with a not to exceed value of \$225,000, will allow the project to move forward. As additional funding becomes available, additional notices to proceed will be issued.

Known Support / Opposition

Mn/DOT and the City of Minneapolis have expressed support for this project and have participated in development of the preliminary operations concepts.