

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 10, 2008

For Metropolitan Council meeting: December 10, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 31, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Award Contract for 30-Foot Transit Buses
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Procurement Policy
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Gillig Corporation for eight 30-foot low floor transit buses, with an option for up to an additional 25 buses, in accordance with the Council's specification and Gillig Corporation's Best and Final Offer dated October 14, 2008.

Background

MTS is in need of buses to replace vehicles that have either met or exceed their useful life. On June 25, 2008, the Metropolitan Council issued a solicitation for thirty-foot bus proposals. Two proposals were submitted in response to the solicitation, from Gillig Corporation and ElDorado National. Proposers were required to submit separate technical and price proposals, which were evaluated independently using the criteria set forth in the solicitation document.

After review of the proposals and discussions with the proposers, the Council amended its specifications and issued a Request for Best and Final Offers. The evaluation panel rated the Gillig Corporation technical proposal as "very good" and the ElDorado National technical proposal as "good". The Gillig proposal rated high in the areas of side panel material and ease of maintenance and repairs, core radiator materials, durability of the suspension system, and experience. The Gillig price of \$305,449 per vehicle is slightly less than the ElDorado National price of \$305,860.

Rationale

These thirty-foot buses will operate in contracted transit service managed by MTS including service on:

- Route 705 between Starlite Transit Center in Brooklyn Park to Louisiana Avenue Transit Center in St Louis Park
- Route 32 between Robbinsdale Transit Center to Rosedale Transit Center in Roseville
- Saturday service on Route 25 between Northtown and downtown Minneapolis.

Funding

This capital project was included in the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Plan and amended into the Authorized Capital Plan under Council action item #2008-154 on June 25, 2008.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.