

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: **March 23, 2009**

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: **March 25, 2009**

<b>ADVISORY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	March 17, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	Construction Support Services for Hiawatha Light Rail Transit Projects, Projects 63730, 63701 & 65651
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<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	MN Statues 473.405 subd.3
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## **Proposed Action**

Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a professional services contract with CSSI (Construction Support Services, Inc.) for Construction Support Services during construction of the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit (HLRT) projects at a cost not to exceed \$322,000.

## **Background**

Construction support services are essential for the professional administration of construction contracts. Acting as the Council Authorized Representative or CAR, the construction support services contractor reports to Engineering & Facilities management and ensures that the construction is performed in accordance with all contract requirements.

On February 25, 2009 the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the construction of HLRT platform extensions and grade crossing control upgrades.

After advertising competitively, on February 24, 2009 the Council received one proposal for Construction Support Services and in accordance with Brooks Act requirements for federally funded procurements, evaluated the technical proposal submitted by CSSI. The Evaluation Panel determined that CSSI was fully qualified to perform the intended services. Subsequently, the Evaluation Panel compared CSSI's cost proposal to the Council's cost estimate of \$300,000. Resultant negotiations have determined a value of up to \$322,000.

The scope of work for this contract includes services related to the construction of three potential additional contracts: the American Boulevard Station, the Government Station extension, and station Tactile Strip replacement. The value of the proposed contract with CSSI reflects these additions. Although staff expects construction on these three additional projects to proceed, if they do not, the value of the CSSI contract will drop accordingly as CSSI will only be authorized to perform services related to that work actually under construction.

## **Rationale**

Authorization to award and execute a contract for Construction Support Services will ensure that the construction of the HLRT platform extensions and grade crossing controls will meet all contract requirements as intended. Execution of this professional services contract in excess of \$250,000 requires Council approval.

## **Funding**

Sufficient funding from federal and local sources is available to award this contract. Funding for the platform extensions is available in grant MN-05-0018. Funding for the signal upgrades is available in grant MN-03-0106. Funding for the American Boulevard Station is available in grant MN-95-X011 (application submitted to FTA).

## **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.