

T Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: Nov. 22, 2011

Metropolitan Council Meeting: Dec. 8, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

	Date: November 19, 2010
	Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Operation and Maintenance Facility
Districts/ Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Metropolitan Council Procedure 3-3c (Requires Council Approval over \$1 million)
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action/Motion

Authorize the Regional Administrator to:

- Award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, **PCL Construction Services, Inc.** for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Operation and Maintenance Facility construction in St. Paul, Minnesota at a cost of \$43,139,389.
- Issue a Limited Notice to Proceed in an amount of \$1,600,000.

Award of this contract and issuance of a Limited Notice to Proceed are contingent upon the receipt of a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) expected in early December.

Background

As part of the CCLRT Project, the Operation and Maintenance Facility contract scope in St. Paul includes retrofit of the south portion of the existing Diamond Products building at 4th Street and Broadway Street. This building will house a rail operations control center, a shop floor for performing light maintenance of light rail vehicles, lockers, and offices. The contract work includes construction of track for storage, yard track, and infrastructure to support systems facilities such as duct banks, overhead contact system foundations, and traction power sitework.

Bids were received from eight firms. The bids were opened on October 28, 2010 and ranged from \$43,139,389 to \$46,820,000. The low bid includes \$41.9 million of CCLRT project expense (including up to \$1.2 million in sales tax). This compares with the Operation and Maintenance CCLRT project budget of \$45.8 million. The low bid also includes \$1.2 million for Metro Transit requested betterments of a vehicle hoist for the Hiawatha Franklin Facility.

The contract will be awarded based on the base bid and the betterments. The award includes:

Project Expense	\$41,898,665
Betterments	
Metro Transit HLRT Vehicle Hoist	\$1,240,724
Total Bid	\$43,139,389

Rationale

This is the last major construction contract for the CCLRT Project. It includes work necessary for systems testing by the summer of 2013 in order to maintain the revenue service date in 2014 and avoid construction delay and cost escalation impacts. The Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO) is seeking to complete a portion of this work under a LONP from the FTA.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was 15%. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder, PCL Construction Services, Inc., reported a DBE participation of approximately 6% and has passed the DBE evaluation based on participation and documentation of good faith efforts.

The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Sufficient funding commitment from local sources is available to award the construction contract under the LONP and to issue a Limited Notice to Proceed. In addition, the LONP ensures the eligibility of these expenditures for Federal funding reimbursement upon execution of the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) expected in first quarter 2011. The full Notice to Proceed will not be granted until authorized by the Council upon execution of the FFGA.

Known Support/Opposition

FTA and local funding partners have been consulted and support the Operation and Maintenance Facility package, the contract award under the Letter of No Prejudice and issuance of a Limited Notice to Proceed.