

T Transportation Committee

Item: 2009-23 SW

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 11, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: March 10, 2009

Subject: Installation of Real Time Display Bus Information on Marquette and Second Avenues in Minneapolis, Project 63740

Proposed Action:

Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with Egan Company for the installation of Real Time Displays (RTD) at a cost of \$3,110,000, and to waive the immaterial variance in Egan Company's bid and deem Egan Company the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Staff provided a brief summary of the action and indicated that the Egan Company had committed 27% of the work to DBE companies and not 17% as stated in the business item, Council Member Haas Steffen asked if legal counsel had been consulted relative to the proposed action. Staff responded that indeed, legal counsel had been involved. Committee Chair McFarlin asked if any of the other bidders had filed a bid protest. Staff responded that there had not been a bid protest up to this point. The item was moved, seconded and approved without further discussion.

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Business Item
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Meeting date: March 9, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: March 11, 2009

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Date:	March 4, 2009
Subject:	Installation of Real Time Display Bus Information on Marquette and Second Avenues in Minneapolis, Project 63740
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Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 473.405 subd.3
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/ Transportation and Engineering & Facilities

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Background

Real Time Displays provide bus arrival times for bus passengers on the Marquette and Second Avenue transit corridor (MARQ2) in downtown Minneapolis as well as at four Park and Rides in Blaine, Roseville, Burnsville and Lakeville. Real Time Displays receive information from a central computer that links information from the automatic vehicle location (AVL) system.

On February 16, 2009, the Council received three bids for the Real Time Display Bus Information project. The Egan Company submitted the lowest bid amounting to \$3,110,000. The bids ranged in value from Egan's low bid to \$4,256,393. The Council's estimate for this work is \$3,135,000.

The Egan Company did not include a statement of qualifications in its bid for the Real Time Display Bus Information project. Egan did include its statement of qualifications with two other Egan bids that it simultaneously submitted to the Council with its Real Time Displays bid. The omission of this statement from one of Egan's bids is an immaterial variance, which neither alters the substance of the bid nor results in an advantage to Egan or a disadvantage to other bidders.

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 the Egan Company passes the DBE goal as established.

Rationale

The Real Time Display system is an integral part of the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) and vital to the satisfactory operation of transit on Marquette and Second Avenues in Minneapolis. The recommended award value for the three UPA technology contracts (this contract, plus customer information plus transit signal priority) totals \$9,235,906. The estimate for the three projects total \$10,232,000. Awarding this contract to the Egan Company will allow completion of the three technology projects at a cost about 10% below the total estimate.

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 City of Minneapolis has expressed support for this project. There is no known opposition.