

**T** Transportation Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 25, 2009

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date Prepared:** March 24, 2009

**Subject:** Construction Support Services for Hiawatha Light Rail Transit Projects, Projects 63730, 63701 & 65651

**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.

**Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions:**

Staff outlined that this contract would provide construction support services for the construction of the HLRT platform extensions and grade crossing control upgrades. In addition, this contract includes construction support services related to three additional construction contracts yet to be awarded for construction. These contracts include: American Boulevard Station, modifications to the Government Station, and replacement of tactile strips on platforms.

Committee Chair Meeks asked why, in the current economy, we only received one proposal for this work. Staff responded that there may be a couple reasons why this occurred for this project. First, several companies who were interested in providing these services were not eligible due to conflict of interest, as they were involved in design. Second, the complexity of this project and the necessity for extended hours on nights and weekends may have made this work not as appealing as the other Council Authorized Representative (CAR) contracts that were out for proposals at the same time.

The proposed action was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

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**Meeting date: March 23, 2009**

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

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<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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**Proposed Action**

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**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.