

Date: February 12, 2008
Committee Meeting Date: February 21, 2008
Board Meeting Date: March 6, 2008

ACTION ITEM

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Transit Planning & Operations Committee
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
General Manager

FROM: Mark S. Robinson
Acting Chief Engineering & Construction Officer

SUBJECT: Freight Rail Relocation Project
Construction Management Services Contract

Policy-Related Action: No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: Yes

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with URS Corporation for Construction Management Services on the Freight Rail Relocation Project in the amount of \$1,500,000. The term of the contract will be for one year and extend through February 2009, with options for three one-year extensions.

BACKGROUND:

In December 2002, VTA purchased a freight rail corridor from Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) extending from Fremont to San Jose, a distance of approximately 15 miles. The land was purchased for future transportation-related improvements. Under the terms of the VTA and UPRR Purchase and Sale Agreement, VTA is obligated to relocate existing freight railroad facilities from the VTA corridor onto adjacent UPRR property. Relocation of the existing freight railroad facilities is identified as the Freight Rail Relocation (FRR) Project.

The Construction Management Services consultant will assist VTA with the successful completion of the FRR Project. The consultant will provide services including construction supervision, field document control, quality assurance program implementation coordination, third-party liaison and coordination, utility relocation coordination, permit coordination, and oversight of hazardous materials handling, removal and disposal.

DISCUSSION:

In order to select a qualified professional consultant team for FRR Project Construction Management Services, VTA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) on November 2, 2007. A Pre-Proposal Conference was held on November 13, 2007 to answer any questions and to clarify the terms and conditions of the RFP. Four proposals were received on December 13, 2007, from URS Corporation, PBS&J, PGH Wong Engineering, Inc., and Stantec Consulting Inc.

The consultant selection process consisted of a review and evaluation of the written proposals followed by oral interviews of those firms whose proposals ranked highest according to established criteria. The evaluation criteria included: qualification of project staff, particularly key personnel and their level of involvement in performing related work; the qualifications of the firm, particularly their depth and breadth of technical experience working with UPRR, Caltrans, transit agencies and other public agencies on managing large transit projects; a demonstrated understanding of the project requirements and potential problem areas; and whether services to be rendered will be performed by local firms.

VTA's selection panel consisted of the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Northern Area Group Engineering Manager, VTA Contracts Administrator, and Engineering Managers from the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Caltrans, and BART. Based upon their written proposal and interview, the selection team determined URS Corporation and proposed subconsultants to be the best qualified to provide the Construction Management Services on the FRR Project.

The URS Corporation team consists of 2 subconsultants, Ghirardelli Associates and S&C Engineers. Both are SBE firms with a strong local presence in the Bay Area. Their information is included in Table A.

This will be a Time and Materials (T&M) contract. The contract amount of \$1,500,000 is for approximately 11,400 hours of management services over a term of 1 year in support of the FRR Project. The contract contains options for three one-year extensions. Amendments to increase the value of the contract will be necessary at that time, and will be brought to the Board for approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no practical alternatives to the recommended action. VTA has optimized the use of its employees in managing design consultants, providing scheduling and project controls support, contract administration, public outreach, information technology support and clerical support. Additional construction management consultant support services are required for the FRR Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This work was budgeted in the FRR Project Budget Authorizations (Board Action January 4, 2007 and June 7, 2007) funded by Measure A. Including this commitment of funds, a budget of \$10,000,000 remains available for the FRR Project.

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PARTICIPATION:

Based on identifiable subcontracting opportunities, a SBE goal of 15% has been established for this contract. The URS Corporation met the goal and has committed to 15% SBE participation on this contract.

TABLE A

Contractor Firm	Contractor Role	Name	Location
URS Corporation	Prime Consultant	Nicholas Smyth	San Jose, CA 100 California Street, Suite 500 San Francisco, CA 94111-4510 415-777-0188
Ghirardelli Assoc., Inc. (SBE)	Sub-Consultant	Randall Bruner	San Jose, CA 1970 Broadway, Suite 920 Oakland, CA 94612 510-451-4180
S&C Engineers, Inc. (SBE)	Sub-Consultant	Thomas Fresquez	Fremont, CA 111 Broadway, Suite 300 Oakland, CA 94607 415-777-0188

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