Transit Authority of River City

MEMORANDUM

To: TARC Board of Directors

From: Ozzy Gibson, Executive Director

Date: September 25, 2024

Re: Resolution 2024-35 Buy America Pre-Award, Post-Delivery Audit and Production Line Inspections (RFP 20231792)

As part of the federal grant application process for any revenue service rolling stock grant, an agency that uses federal funds to procure vehicles must certify to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) "that it will conduct or cause to be conducted pre-award and post-delivery audits" as prescribed by 49 CFR part 663. Additionally, recipients must ensure and document that the rolling stock to be purchased (pre-award audit) and the rolling stock received (post-delivery audit) comply with FTA's Buy America Requirements. These activities are documented with Buy America Certifications, Purchaser's Certifications and FMVSS Compliance Certifications. To meet this requirement, TARC's experience has shown that use of a third-party contractor to perform the audits and inspections is an efficient and beneficial approach.

On June 10, 2024, the Procurement Department released a solicitation Request For Proposal (RFP 20231792) for Rolling Stock Pre-Award & Post-Delivery Audit and Production Line Inspection Services with Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ). An Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) was conducted and deemed an annual spend of $20K, depending on the quantity of rolling stock purchase, is within the market price.

TARC received three (3) responsive and responsible proposals from:

- Jeezny Sourcing, LLC
- Transdev Services, Inc.
- Transit Resource Center

A Review Committee comprised of TARC team members independently evaluated and scored the proposals using the solicitation evaluation criteria in TARC's Bonfire portal. The Committee selected the best value proposal and deemed Transit Resource Center provided the best offer, refer to Exhibit B for Pricing detail.

The Procurement Department proposes to award a contract for Buy America Pre-Award, Post-Delivery and Production Line Inspection Services for an initial term of two (2) years with an option to exercise three (3) one-year term for a total of five (5) years to Transit Resource Center based on pricing in Exhibit B.

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Bus inspection as a third-party service is an eligible activity for use of capital funds. For upcoming bus deliveries in 2024 and 2025, TARC's FFY 2022 formula grant KY-2023-010 includes a line item for $15,000.

The staff is respectfully requesting the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for an initial of two (2) years with three (3) one-year options with Transit Resource Center for Buy America Pre-Award, Post-Delivery and Production Line Inspection Services with Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity.

Please call me at 561-5100 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a contract with Transit Resource Center for Buy America Pre-Award, Post-Delivery Audit and Production Line Inspections (IDIQ) for an initial term of two (2) years with three (3) one-year options.

WHEREAS, TARC seeks a third-party contractor to conduct the Buy America Pre-Award, Post-Delivery Audit and Production Line Inspections with Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity; and

WHEREAS, three (3) responsive proposals were received from third-party contractors; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee comprised of knowledgeable TARC staff from maintenance department reviewed and scored each of the proposals; and

WHEREAS, Transit Resource Center provided the best value proposal and received the highest score; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation committee recommends an award to Transit Resource Center as the best value solution for TARC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Transit Authority of River City that:

The Executive Director is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Transit Resource Center for the Buy America Pre-Award, Post-Delivery Audit and Production Line Inspections with Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity based on Exhibit B Pricing.

ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

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Ted Smith, Chair of the TARC Board of Directors