

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council Special Meeting of November 5, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Award Metropolitan Council Contract 14P056 – Northstar Positive Train Control (PTC) to Wabtec Global Services

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

John Paul Zanaska, Director of Northstar, provided a presentation to the Committee with background information on Positive Train Control and the project to retrofit Northstar vehicles with PTC equipment. Councilmember Brimeyer asked whether Wabtec was the only provider of PTC equipment to all railroads in the country.

John Paul Zanaska responded that while Wabtec was the producer of the PTC equipment, they were not the only provider. In this project Wabtec was subcontracting the work to a second party. Of the 6 companies that registered, Wabtec was the only bidder on this project.

The motion to approve the business item was made by Councilmember Brimeyer, seconded by Councilmember Commers and approved to go Consent to Council.

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Meeting date: October 27, 2014

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of Goods and Services

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Division/Department: Metro Transit

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Background

The Rail Safety improvement Act of 2008 requires all Class 1 railroads and passenger service providers to implement PTC by December 31, 2015. As the owner of the rolling stock, Northstar is required to equip all of its locomotives and cab cars with on-board equipment capable of meeting the requirements of PTC on the host railroad, BNSF Railway. Electronic Train Management System (ETMS) is BNSF's system for complying with the requirements of PTC. Northstar pilot units must be ready for commissioning and testing by Quarter 1- 2015.

This was a publicly advertised, formal Request for Proposal to provide for the procurement and installation of a positive train control (PTC) equipment for the Northstar Commuter Rail locomotives and cab cars. Wabtec Global Services was the only responsive proposer of the six registered document holders.

The evaluation panel evaluated the proposal and reached the consensus that the proposal submitted by Wabtec provides the best value available to the Council.

Rationale

Contracts in excess of \$500,000 require Council approval.

Funding

\$2,000,000 of funding is currently authorized in Subordinate Funding Agreement SFA # 22 and in Project # 65510.

Amendment of \$2,400,000 additional needed to cover rolling stock equipment installation project.

\$6,674,000 million of remaining contingency in the Full Funding Grant Agreement.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.