

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 12, 2014

Subject: Authorization to execute a contract with New Flyer of America for the purchase of 83 articulated buses

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Contract No. 13P183 with New Flyer of America for the purchase of 83 replacement sixty-foot articulated transit buses. This contract will include provisions for 88 option buses as well. The award is contingent on satisfactory results from the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Council member Elkins asked if the new articulated buses will replace existing New Flyer articulated buses.

Chuck Wurzinger responded by saying that the new articulated buses would replace some New Flyer articulated buses currently in Metro Transit's fleet.

Council member Elkins also asked if the new articulated buses are a different model from those currently in the fleet.

Chuck Wurzinger responded by saying that the new articulated buses are a different model. The new buses will be New Flyer's Xcelsior model, which features a different exterior design and a more open look to the interior.

Councilmember Elkins made the motion to approve. Hearing no objection, Chair Duininck said that this item could proceed to the full Council as a consent item.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting date: January 27, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 12, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Execute Contract No. 13P183, Procurement of 83 60-ft Articulated Transit Buses

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Procurement Policy

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Division/Department: Metro Transit Bus Maintenance

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Background

Metro Transit and Metropolitan Transportation Services are replacing 83 sixty-foot articulated diesel buses over the next five years. In addition, some option buses may be ordered for arterial BRT service during the same time period.

An RFP was issued on August 15, 2013 and proposals were received from New Flyer of America Inc., NOVA Bus and NABI on October 25, 2013. An Evaluation Panel reviewed these proposals and requested Best and Final Offers (BAFO) from all three companies on November 22, 2013. The Panel evaluated the BAFOs and is recommending that this contract be awarded to New Flyer of America.

The evaluated price is \$725,897 per bus. This price is fair and reasonable based on comparisons to recent prices paid by the Council for sixty-foot articulated buses and recent proposed pricing. The contract amount, including increases for Producer Price Index escalation, options and future advances in component technology, will be \$64,344,204.19

Rationale

This investment reflects the Council’s commitment to maintain and preserve regional transit investments and is in alignment with the objectives of the unified capital programming process.

Funding

The funding plan for these replacement buses is contained in the Capital Improvement Program.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.