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Meeting date: February 13, 2012

Metropolitan Council Meeting: February 22, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION**Date:** February 6, 2012**Subject:** Authorization to Contract for Design and Construction Support Services for the Overhaul Base Paint Booth and Renovations**District(s), Member(s):** District 14, Jon Commers**Policy/Legal Reference:** Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510
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Division/Department: Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a professional services contract for architectural and engineering design and construction support services for renovations and a paint booth expansion to the Overhaul Base Facility located at 515 N. Cleveland Avenue, St. Paul with Wendel Duchscherer Architects & Engineers, PC (Wendel) at a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$649,967.07.

Background

Metro Transit's Overhaul Base Facility was constructed in 1979 and provides major bus maintenance and repairs for the entire bus fleet. Since the original construction, the bus fleet has grown in size as well as changed in mix of vehicle type and size. Due to these changes the facility is not efficiently meeting the operational and maintenance needs. The facility layout as originally designed was not suited to accommodate vehicles such as articulated buses and commuter coach buses, and limits flexibility for future changes in fleet.

This project will start to address operational and capacity concerns identified in a conceptual study completed in 2011. The project will include construction of an 8,000 square foot building addition to house a new bus paint booth and trim stalls. It will also renovate the existing body shop to create additional maintenance bays for articulated buses and a more efficient shop layout by utilizing the space where the previous paint booth was located. Additionally, expansion and renovations of support areas such as the central warehouse office and the first floor equipment maintenance office will be completed.

To address the facility's paint booth needs, Metro Transit received a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) State of Good Repair grant in 2011 for construction of a new paint booth to accommodate articulated buses and to provide heating and ventilation systems consistent with current technology.

A request for proposals (RFP) was issued on November 14, 2011 seeking proposals for design and construction support services. Nine design firms responded to the Council's RFP. An evaluation panel ranked the proposals in accordance with Council procedures for FTA funded projects including Brooks Act. The evaluation panel recommends award to Wendel at an estimated cost not to exceed \$649,967.07. Wendel's proposal is within 5% of the \$619,140.90 Independent Cost Estimate. Wendel's 15% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) commitment matches the 15% RFP goal.

Rationale

The execution of a professional services contract in excess of \$250,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding for the design and engineering services is available within project 64110.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.