

**T** Transportation Committee  
Meeting date: November 26, 2012  
Metropolitan Council Meeting: December 12, 2012

<b>ADVISORY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	November 5, 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	Blue Line: Authorization to Award Contract for Rail Grinding Services
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Council Procurement Policy
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Loram Maintenance of Way, Inc for Rail Grinding Services on the Blue Line Light Rail System in an amount not to exceed \$310,582.00 over a one-year period.

**Background**

Rail grinding to remove rail surface defects and improve ride quality is a common maintenance activity used by both heavy rail and light rail transit systems. Rail grinding services are needed on the Blue Line Light Rail System to correct areas of developing rail surface roughness. Metro Transit issued a formal Request for Proposals on August 8, 2012 to provide rail grinding services on 65,302 feet of rail to remove surface roughness. Two proposals were received on September 24, 2012; these proposals were rated by an Evaluation Panel. See below for the Evaluation Panel Summary:

Proposer	Overall Rating	Technical Ranking	Estimated Price
Loram Maintenance of Way, Inc.	Very Good	1	\$310,582.00
Orgo Thermite, Inc	Marginal	2	\$244,920.00

The Evaluation Panel recommends that the Regional Administrator authorize the execution of a contract with Loram Maintenance of Way, Inc as the proposer with the proposal most advantageous to the Metropolitan Council.

**Rationale**

This contract will provide rail grinding services that will meet the requirements of the Request for Proposals and are in line with the rail grinding Independent Cost Estimate.

**Funding**

Funding will be available from the Blue Line Operations Maintenance Budget. The cost for this contract is within 3.5 % of the Independent Cost Estimate for this project.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition