

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 25, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 10, 2014

Subject: Authorize Execution of Contract Options with Gillig Corporation for 30-Foot Buses

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 2014 Capital Budget, Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Authorized Capital Program

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Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise existing contract options on Contract 13P280 with Gillig Corporation for the purchase of up to six thirty-foot buses in an amount not to exceed \$2,640,000, contingent on satisfactory results for the Pre-Award Buy America Audit.

Background

The Metropolitan Council took part in a Request for Proposals (RFP) as part of a joint cooperative solicitation for 30-foot and 35-foot heavy duty transit buses. The RFP was managed by Akron Metro in Akron, Ohio.

The RFP was issued on March 18, 2014 with proposals due May 2, 2014. An evaluation panel reviewed two proposals and deemed the Gillig proposal as the most advantageous and cost effective. Akron Metro's staff recommended that Gillig be awarded the contract. The Akron Metro Board approved the recommendation on June 25, 2014.

Rationale

The Council's fleet plan calls for the replacement of a small number of 30-foot buses over the next five years. By participating in this joint cooperative procurement, the Council is able to take advantage of lower pricing through a larger-volume purchase. The RFP was reviewed by the Council's Procurement Office which approved the RFP and the procurement process. This order of six buses will replace buses that will have exceeded their minimum useful life thresholds with mileages between 500,000 - 600,000 at the time of replacement.

Funding

The purchase of these replacement vehicles is an authorized project in the current Capital Improvement Plan and will utilize federal and local funds.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.