

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 14, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 23, 2014

Subject: Authorize Contract 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 execute Contract No. 13P280 with Gillig Corporation for the purchase of up to seven thirty-foot buses with provisions for six option buses, 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.

The evaluated base price for 30-foot buses is \$382,710. This price does not include ancillary technology used by the Council and optional equipment estimated to add \$57,290 per bus. The contract amount, including increases for Producer Price Index escalation, equipment options and future advances in component technology, will be \$3,234,000.

Rationale

The Council expects to order 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. If approved, MTS will order seven buses from this contract in 2014 as part of the fleet replacement plan with an option to order six additional buses. The RFP was reviewed by the Council's Procurement Office which approved the RFP and the procurement process.

Funding

Purchase of these buses is contingent on approval of the third quarter capital amendment in August 2014 which will provide Regional Transit Capital (RTC) funding for seven replacement buses.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.