

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 9, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 25, 2015

**Subject:** Approval of the Award of Contract for Armored Transport Services (Contract No. 14P245a)

**District(s), Member(s):** All Council Members

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$250,000

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a two year contract for Armored Transport Services to Star Security in an amount not-to-exceed \$617,000 for a two-year period.

### Background

The work of this project includes the transportation and delivery of cash and cash containers from the bus garages and rail stations to our Metro Transit Central Counting Facility and delivery of the processed cash to the designated Metropolitan Council banking institution, currently Wells Fargo.

The cash fares are transported from the each of the five garages and designated rail stations on a daily basis. Metro Transit deposited over \$28 million in cash in 2014 and expects to collect the same amount annually over the next two years.

An Invitation for Bids was advertised on February 2, 2015. Two bids were received and opened on February 18, 2015. Star Security provided the lowest bid at \$617,000, and Metro Transit's current armored car contractor, Garda, provided a bid of \$772,916

Staff recommends that the Regional Administrator authorize the execution of a two year contract with Star Security as the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder. The term of the two year contract will be from May 17, 2015 to May 16, 2017.

### Rationale

By creating a contract with an armored transport provider, the Metropolitan Council provides secure delivery of cash fares increasing the safety and security of Council employees and funds at a competitive price.

### Funding

Funding is included in the Metro Transit operating budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.