

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

July 9, 2012

The Board of Directors Operations & Safety Committee met on July 9, 2012 at 10:08 a.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Harold Buckley, Sr.
Wendy Butler
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Roderick Edmond
Adam Orkin, Chair

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Beverly A. Scott; Deputy General Manager/COO Dwight A. Ferrell; Chief, Business Support Services Davis Allen (Acting); AGMs Wanda Dunham, Ben Graham, Georgetta Gregory, Robin Howard, Mary Ann Jackson, Cheryl King, Barbara Kirkland (Acting), Rich Krisak, Ryland McClendon, Elizabeth O'Neill and Gary Pritchett; Sr. Directors Kevin Hurley and David Springstead; Directors Anton Bryant, Sharon Crenchaw, Lisa DeGrace, Hubert Gee, Charlotte Harris, Rod Hembree, Connie Krisak, Pat Minnucci, Jayant Patel, Fred Remen and John Weber; Managers Ming Hsi, Cynthia McCall, Eulethia Dooley McLin and Denise Walker; Executive Manager to the Board Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor; Sr. Executive Administrator Tyra J. Wiltz; Executive Administrator Renee Willis; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid. Others in attendance Diane Akinsipe, Arnold Campbell, Kareem Jackson, Cathy Jordan, Ryan Kincaid (Intern), Anthony Pines, Srinath Remala, Calvin Starling, Anh Tuan Vo and Wayne Watts.

Also in attendance Charles Pursley, Jr. and Christian Torgrimson of Pursley, Lowery and Meeks; Representative Lynne Riley; Pam Alexander of LTK; Matt Pollack of MATC; Tahir Chaudhry of PB; Anna Howell and Karim Marshall of SMART Insights Group, LLC.

Approval of the June 11, 2012 Operations & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 4 to 0, with 4 members present.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Thirteen (13) Police Vehicles, Contract Proposal Number B25340

Mr. Bryant presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to award a contract to Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln, Inc., for the replacement of thirteen (13) police vehicles.

Mrs. Butler asked why only one bid was received.

Mr. Pritchett said a survey of non-bidders indicated reasons such as, vendor did not sell the product requested, vendors were challenged with preparing a bid in a timely manner, vendor products did not meet specifications and entities were non-vehicle businesses.

Mr. Daniels said this is a contract for vehicles. It seems MARTA should have received more than one bidder. He asked why would a vendor obtain the bid package if they do not sell vehicles.

Mr. Pritchett said there is a corruption in the database which MARTA is working to correct.

Mr. Ferrell asked the Committee to keep in mind that the requested vehicles are vehicles specific for police services; not very many dealers keep these in stock.

Mr. Daniels said the Authority's procurement processes has to addressed; sending bid packages out to vendors that do not met the criteria is problematic.

Mr. Ferrell said the Committee's concerns have been duly noted.

Mr. Orkin said staff should be proactive and start the process early in an effort to get better pricing.

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Dr. Scott said staff will provide more information on MARTA's efforts to improve its procurement process at an upcoming Business Management Committee meeting.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 5 to 0, with 5 members present.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Chassis Dynamometer Upgrades, Contract Proposal Number B22614

Mr. Bryant presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate, to award a contract for Chassis Dynamometer upgrades to M.C. Headley Properties, LLC.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Daniels, the resolution was approved by a vote of 5 to 0, with 6 members present.

Dr. Edmond abstained.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Design-Build of the Brady Mobility Facility, Request for Proposal Number P22221

Mr. Patel presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to award a contract for the Design-Build Brady Mobility Facility to Archer Western Contractors, Ltd.

Mr. Orkin said he is not a fan of design-build contracts.

Mr. Ferrell said a design-build allows MARTA to more quickly execute its Capital Program.

Mr. Orkin said he would rather see to three qualified bidders for a project this size.

Mr. Ferrell said the qualifications-based discussions gave other vendors an opportunity to come back.

Mr. Pritchett said MARTA brings it to their attention and they have a chance to rebid.

Mr. Daniels said going forward he would like to see which contractor could not fulfill what specific requirement.

Mr. Durrett said he would like more information to make the process easier to understand; i.e., what came first, what came second, etc.

Dr. Edmond said he is not in the field of development but is cautious about design-build contracts. He added that the cost discrepancy is not as bad as he first perceived.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mrs. Butler, the resolution was approved by a vote of 5 to 0, with 6 members present.

Mr. Daniels abstained.

Resolution Authorizing Award of Contracts Utilizing GSA Schedules and State of Georgia/WSCA Participating Agreements for the Authority-Wide Computer PC Equipment Replacement, Request for Proposal Number P26347

Mrs. Dooley McLin presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO to enter into contracts with vendors currently holding valid General Services Administration (GSA) Schedules, State of Georgia Contracts and WSCA Participating Agreements for the Authority-Wide Computer PC Equipment Replacement.

Mr. Daniels asked is there a strategy behind this.

Mrs. McLin said yes.

Dr. Edmond asked what is the benefit of using GSA schedules.

Mr. Pritchett said prices are competitive.

Dr. Edmond said he would like give local contractors a chance.

Mr. Pritchett said GSA includes vendors from around the State.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was approved by a vote of 5 to 1, with 6 members present.

Dr. Edmond voted no.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of MARTA Contactless Smart Card Fare Media, Contract Proposal Number B25444

Mr. Gee presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to enter into a contract with ASK-ingTag, LLC for the procurement of MARTA Contactless Smart Card Fare Media.

Mr. Daniels said this contract extends to 2017. It seems that technology would change within that timeframe.

Mr. Graham said MARTA is buying into the option. Breeze is a basic product which can be changed. The Authority is going from a four (4) bit chip to a seven (7) bit chip and will migrate in such a way that MARTA is covered for the next five years with the capability to expand and do other things.

Mr. Daniels asked will this give MARTA flexibility if they change systems.

Mr. Graham said yes.

Mr. Allen said this is a two-year base contract, with three one-year options.

Dr. Edmond asked why there is no DBE goal established for the contract.

Mr. Pritchett said he would provide that information to the Board.

Dr. Edmond said when no DBE goal is established, he will need to know why. He asked if Electronic Data Magnetics (EDM) could not provide the quantity of smart cards required, what amount could they provide.

Ms. Walker said EDM had exhausted all of their quantities. After they submitted their bids, they had zero.

Dr. Edmond said given more time, what amount could they provide.

Mr. Pritchett said it is sealed bid; the process does not allow for things the IFB did not request.

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Dr. Edmond asked if staff could find out.

Mr. Pritchett said yes.

On motion by Mrs. Butler seconded by Mr. Daniels the resolution was approved by a vote of 4 to 2, with 6 members present.

Dr. Edmond and Mr. Orkin voted no.

Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for Structural Inspection Engineering Services, A/E 22541

Mr. Springstead presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to award a contract to Volkert, Inc. for Structural Inspection Engineering Services.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was approved by a vote of 5 to 0, with 6 members present.

Mr. Daniels abstained.

Resolution Authorizing Award of Two Contracts for Noise, Vibration and Acoustical Consulting Services, A/E 22527

Mr. Springstead presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to award contracts to Wilson, Ihrig & Associates and Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc. for Noise, Vibration and Acoustical Consulting Services, in the total amount up to \$800,000.

Mr. Durrett asked if this is a specialized service.

Mr. Springstead said it is a very specialized market. Most of the firms are small and will need to utilize subcontractors and DBEs.

Mr. Durrett asked if the work provided for Atlanta Streetcar is reimbursable.

Mr. Springstead said yes.

Mr. Daniels said there are quality firms in the market. MARTA needs to send bid packages to companies that can actually perform the work.

Mr. Pritchett said MARTA is revamping its process.

Dr. Scott said MARTA picks up what the firms list as their qualifications.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 6 to 0, with 6 members present.

Other Matters

No other matters came before the Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting of the Operations & Safety Committee adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kellee N. Mobley
Sr. Executive Administrator to the Board