

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

May 14, 2012

The Board of Directors Operations & Safety Committee met on May 14, 2012 at 10:15 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.
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Adam Orkin, Chair

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Beverly Scott; Deputy General Manager/COO Mary Ann Jackson (Acting); Chief, Business Support Services Theodore Basta, Jr.; AGMs Davis Allen, Deborah Dawson, Ben Graham, Rod Hembree (Acting), Robin Howard, Cheryl King, Rich Krisak, Ryland McClendon, Elizabeth O'Neill and Gary Pritchett; Directors Tara Balakrishnan, Anton Bryant, Sharon Crenchaw, Lisa DeGrace, Reginald Diamond, Joe Erves, Maurice Ficklin, Garry Free, Hubert Gee (Acting), Charlotte Harris, Lyle Harris, Connie Krisak, Pat Minnucci, Fred Remen, Elvin Tobin and John Weber; Managers Ric Edmonds, Ming Hsi, Eulethia Dooley McLin, Joy Thompson and James Watkins; Executive Manager to the Board Rebbie Ellis-Taylor; Sr. Executive Administrator Tyra J. Wiltz; Office Administrator II Tracie Roberson. Others in attendance Doug Chambers, Alphonse Eugene, Kareem Jackson, Marshaeia Johnson, Paul Kelly, Anthony Pines, Sheldon Prescott, Srinath Remala and Zaheer Wadhwanian.

Also in attendance Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley, Lowery and Meeks; Matt Pollack of MATC; Pam Alexander of LTK; Julie Borders.

Approval of the April 9, 2012 Operations & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Daniels, 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 Arts Center Station Roofing Rehabilitation, Contract Proposal Number B22978

Mr. Remen presented this resolution for Board of Directors approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to enter into a contract with RYCARS Construction, Inc. for the Arts Center Station roofing rehabilitation.

Mr. Daniels said only two bids were received from the 21 firms that either retrieved the solicitation on line or received an Advanced Notice to Bid (ANTB). He asked about the three firms that stated they were discouraged from bidding with MARTA due to the perceived lengthy award process and/or construction contracts appearing to be geared toward minority bidders.

Mr. Pritchett said bidders have mentioned that the timing is too long. He added that he could not speak to the minority issue.

Mr. Daniels said this issue has been raised before by the Board.

Mr. Pritchett said the firms are actually referring to the time between the bid opening and actual Board approval.

Dr. Scott said that MARTA's 90 day hold-firm period is not unusual and fairly standard to the industry.

Mr. Orkin said he was not comfortable with the limited amount of bids received.

On a motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was approved by a vote of 3 to 1, with 4 members present.

Mr. Orkin voted no.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Sole Source Contract with Open Text, Inc. for the Open Text Software Upgrade, Request for Proposal Number P25966

Mr. Edmonds presented this resolution for Board of Directors approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to enter into a sole source contract with Open Text, Inc. for the Open Text software upgrade.

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

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Ultrasonic Testing Services for Running Rail, Contract Proposal Number B25689

Mr. Free presented this resolution for Board of Directors approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to enter into a contract with Sperry Rail, Inc. for the procurement of Ultrasonic Testing Services for running rail.

Mr. Orkin said only two bids were received on this contract. He asked how many firms retrieved the solicitation or received an ANTB.

Mr. Free said seven.

Mr. Orkin asked if these services are provided by a limited number of vendors.

Mr. Free said yes; it is a niche market.

Mr. Daniels asked how does MARTA search for firms in a specialized market.

Mr. Pritchett said trade journals and industry relationships, in addition to normal solicitation processes.

Dr. Scott said it would be helpful for the Authority to do broad-based advertisements as a regular matter of course.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Daniels, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 4 to 0, with 4 members present.

Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for Automated Track Geometry Measurement Test Services, Contract Proposal Number B24369

Mr. Free presented this resolution for Board of Directors approval authorizing the General Manager/ CEO or her delegate to award a contract to Ensco Rail, Inc. for Automated Geometry Measurement Test Services.

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

Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Contractual Authorization for Audio Frequency Track Circuit Modules by Alstom Signaling, Inc., Request for Proposal Number P20169

Mr. Free presented this resolution for Board of Directors approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to approve a change order in an amount of \$1,723,734.20 to procure additional audio frequency track circuit modules to replace obsolete track circuit modules.

Mr. Orkin asked Mr. Free to explain how the change order will not increase the project cost.

Mr. Free said MARTA has a four-year program in their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for track module modifications which totals \$10M. The increase of \$1,723,734.20 is absorbed into the overall total for the four-year period. Therefore, staff is not requesting any additional funds.

Mr. Daniels said the \$10M is the total amount authorized over the four-year period.

Mr. Free said that is correct. That includes the purchase of the materials, installation and engineering.

Mr. Daniels asked will MARTA come up short at year four based on this change order increase.

Mr. Free said this project came out of the 2009 WMATA incident. The modules were identified as a potential cause of the accident at WMATA so MARTA put this CIP program together proactively in an effort to get its needs into Alstom Signaling, Inc. as soon as possible. A dollar amount was set aside and staff is working from it. Staff anticipates that the installation will be complete six months ahead of schedule which will also cut off some of the time to install the units.

Mr. Daniels said when the four-year period nears the end it seems the \$1.7M would impact the total amount of the contract, being that this is a change order.

Mr. Free said at this point staff does not anticipate it to but if necessary staff may have to increase the CIP number also.

Mr. Daniels said if the number is going to increase at some point in the future then MARTA should be proactive in terms of identifying what those potential costs may be and look at increasing that aggregate amount now.

Mr. Springstead said after the WMATA incident, MARTA participated in some investigative work and identified funds, effectively, \$10M over a four-year period. MARTA quickly met with Alstom to identify a good estimate of what the replacement modules would be. In 2011, a contract was approved by the Board in the amount \$6,460,671. The contract with Alstom was effectually a design, furnish and install type contract. As the design evolved and Alstom begin to produce the modules, MARTA simultaneously had a configuration management project going on. During which, the Authority went through all of its train control drawings, updating them and getting them up to speed. As the first few train control rooms were completed and the quantity of modules was identified and extrapolated through the system it was determined that they were going to run about 135 modules short. Based on the fact that \$10M was identified for procurement of materials, design efforts and installation, which is being done by MARTA, staff believes the project can be finished well under the \$10M and well in advance of the four-year period.

Mr. Durrett said he raised the same question with Mr. Ferrell; his response indicated that MARTA has been able to manage this and control the cost comfortably within the \$10M.

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

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Additional Hardware Equipment for the Dense Wave Division Multiplexing (DWDM) Networking Infrastructure, Request for Proposal Number P25989

Mrs. McLin presented this resolution for Board of Directors approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to award a contract for additional hardware equipment for the Dense Wave Division Multiplexing Networking Infrastructure to Presidio Networked Solutions, Inc., a State of Georgia vendor (5000546-043).

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

Resolution Authorizing Award of Contracts for the Procurement of Information Technology Equipment to Support Project 31936 – CCTV Expansion, Contract Proposal Number P25967

Mrs. McLin presented this resolution for Board of Directors approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to award a contract to General Services Administration (GSA) and State of Georgia vendors Abacus Solutions (GS-35F-0511T), Forsythe (GS-35F-0143R) and Adcap Network Systems, Inc. (S000546-043) for CCTV network infrastructure equipment.

Mr. Daniels asked if this procurement will cover cameras on buses.

Mr. Graham said yes.

Mr. Daniels asked if this is part of the overall bus CCTV project.

Mr. Graham said yes, it is the final part.

On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mr. Daniels, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 4 to 0, with 4 members present.

Resolution Authorizing Award of (a) Contracts Utilizing State of Georgia Contracts and/or General Services Administration (GSA) Schedules for General Consulting and Professional Services for the Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Improvement Program and (b) Authorizing the FY 2013 Annual Work Program for the Provision of Rail Vehicle Consulting and Related Services for the Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Work Program for the Provision of Rail Vehicle Consulting and Related Services for the Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Improvement Program, Contract Proposal Number P24530

Mrs. McLin presented this resolution requesting Board of Directors to approve the annual renewal of work order authorizations for MARTA's FY2013 Annual General Consulting and Professional Services and Rail Vehicle Consulting contract values that will then be drawn down from existing multi-year MARTA contracts, or from approved General Services Administration Schedules or State of Georgia contracts.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Daniels, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 4 to 0, with 4 members present.

Resolution Authorizing the Exercise of a One-Year Option for General Engineering Consulting and Related Services and the Approval of General Engineering Work Orders in Support of the Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Improvement Plan in the Estimated Amount of \$45,488,550

Mr. Springstead presented this resolution for Board of Directors approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to: (1) Exercise Option Year One of the General Engineering Consultant (GEC) contract with MATC (Metropolitan Atlanta Transit Consultants); and (2) Provide funding authorization for the GEC contract in support of the delivery/execution of MARTA's FY 2013 Capital Improvement Program, in an amount not to exceed \$45,488,550.

Mr. Orkin said he would like to see a detailed breakdown of the \$45,488,550.

Mr. Springstead said it would be provided to the Board.

Mr. Durrett asked what will trigger MARTA to search for new firms as opposed to implementing one-year options.

Dr. Scott said staff has taken notice of costs increases on consultant work and been having discussions about what can be done differently. Additionally, she stated, this is tied into the region and where the region is headed, i.e., Federal funding, NPOs, project implementation, etc. It appears in the future, the GEC will work more by task orders. A very important question is how much of this work will MARTA continue to bring in.

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

Other Matters

Mr. Daniels said the Board is concerned about MARTA's procurement process and the lack of participation from vendors. He asked that Dr. Scott and staff take a thorough look at how MARTA can change its process. MARTA must find a better way to attract the firms that want to do business with MARTA.

Dr. Scott said staff will provide a comprehensive survey within 45 days.

Mr. Daniels requested Safety updates come before the Committee on a quarterly basis – incidents, accidents, what can be improved, etc.

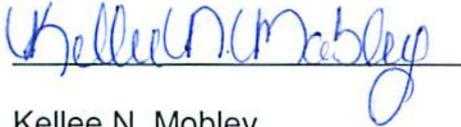
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Dr. Scott said the reports will be provided by MARTA's AGMs of Safety, Bus and Rail to report out.

Adjournment

The meeting of the Operations Committee adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kellee N. Mobley
Sr. Executive Administrator to the Board