

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Awarding a Contract for FTA New Starts, Environmental and Engineering Services for the Green Line to the Airport Rail Project to AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

ISSUE

Whether or not to award a Contract for FTA New Starts, Environmental and Engineering Services for the Green Line to the Airport Rail Project to AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 13-10-____, Awarding a Contract for FTA New Starts, Environmental and Engineering Services for the Green Line to the Airport Rail Project to AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT

Budgeted:	Yes	This FY:	\$	2,000,000
Budget Source:	Capital	Next FY:	\$	3,500,000
Funding Source:	Federal - STP funds, State Prop 1A, Annualized:		\$	0
Cost Cntr/GL Acct(s) or	WBS: R321.02.02.01	Total Amount:	\$	5,500,000
Capital Project #:	WBS: R322.02.02.01			
	GL: 910800			
Total Budget:	\$5,500,000*			
R321.02.02.01:	\$3,000,000			
R322.02.02.01:	\$2,500,000			
*Total Contract:	\$5,500,000			

DISCUSSION

The Green Line to the Airport (formerly called the Downtown-Natomas-Airport or DNA project) has been a Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) priority project for many years. In 2001, an Alternatives Analysis began and established a purpose and need for the project, evaluated multiple alignment and modal alternatives, evaluated ridership potential and estimated cost effectiveness of the alternatives. In 2003, RT adopted a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) that consists of light rail extending north from the Sacramento Intermodal Transit Facility (SITF) to Township 9, crossing the American River on a rail/bicycle/pedestrian bridge and extending north on Truxel crossing I-80 to North Natomas. From North Natomas, the LPA extends light rail east across SR99 through the Greenbriar and Metro Air Park proposed developments and connects with the Sacramento International Airport at the new Terminal B. RT began work on the Environmental Impact Statement/Report (EIS/R) and completed an Administrative Draft EIS/R (ADEIS/R) in 2007. For

Approved:

Presented:

Final 10/09/13

General Manager/CEO

Director, Long Range Planning

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economic reasons and due to other RT/FTA project efforts, RT put the federal environmental analysis on hold.

In 2007, RT moved forward with completing a *Program-Level* EIR for the entire Green Line project and a *Project-Level* EIR for Phase 1 of the Green Line to the River District under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These documents were certified by the RT Board in 2008 and 2009 respectively.

In 2008, the RT Board also authorized funding a “Transitional Analysis” (TA) for the Green Line LPA following federal guidance. From 2008 through 2010, RT and the consultants performing the TA re-evaluated the LPA and identified cost saving opportunities, re-assessed ridership potential and identified potential federal New Start segments of the Green Line alignment. The RT Board approved the recommendations set out in the Green Line Transitional Analysis at the November 8, 2010 Board meeting (Resolution No. 10-11-0143).

On March 25, 2013, the Board authorized staff to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts, Environmental and Engineering Services for the Green Line to the Airport Rail Project. Staff released the RFP on April 15, 2013, and the solicitation was advertised in publications of general circulation and posted on RT’s website under Contracting Opportunities. On May 22, 2013, five proposals were received. During the proposal review period, a discrepancy occurred in the evaluation process that caused staff concerns about the process. On July 22, 2013, per staff’s recommendation, the Board rejected all proposals and authorized re-release of the RFP (Resolution No. 13-07-0106). In an effort to provide fairness and to lessen the impacts to all proposers, the same RFP, with the dates modified to reflect the new procurement, was used for the new solicitation.

On July 24, 2013, the RFP was re-released and on August 8, 2013, three responsive proposals were received from: AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM), HDR Engineering, Inc. and Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. The Selection Committee, consisting of RoseMary Covington, AGM of Planning and Transit Systems Development; Alane Masui, AGM of Marketing and Communications; Mark Lonergan, Chief Operating Officer; Diane Nakano, AGM of Engineering & Construction Services; and Fran Halbakken, Downtown Railyards Project Manager for the City of Sacramento reviewed the written proposals. The qualifying criteria included Project Understanding (35%), Project Staffing and Experience (35%), and Project Work Plan (30%). Proposals were ranked based on a maximum of 100 points, using a score of 1 to 10, and weighted in the three categories above. The Selection Committee reviewed and scored the written proposals and determined that all three firms were highly qualified and that oral presentations would be required. Oral presentations were held on August 29, 2013, with all three firms presenting before the Selection Committee.

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The Selection Committee scored the oral presentations and the following ranking was determined based on the total weighted score:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>
AECOM	1st
Parsons Brinckerhoff	2nd
HDR Engineering	3rd

Following notification of all Proposers of the final rankings on September 4, 2013, RT staff opened the sealed price proposals and began contract negotiations with the #1 ranked team led by AECOM. Negotiations continued through the month of September and are now complete with a mutually acceptable scope, schedule and budget for the FTA New Starts, Environmental and Engineering Services for the Green Line to the Airport Rail Project.

The RFP project scope was structured as the following:

<u>Task*</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	Project Management
1	Prepare DEIS/R and Release to Public
2	Community Outreach
3	Advanced Conceptual and Preliminary Engineering
4	Rail-Related Technical Studies
5	FTA New Starts Assessment
6	Request to FTA for Entry into Final EIS/R for Candidate New Starts project
7	Planning for and preparation of environmental documents through FEIS/R, Advanced Engineering, and related Project Management, Outreach, and Technical Efforts and Studies for the Intermodal 3: Green Line Project Facility-Related Improvements*

* The RFP identified Task 7 as an "Optional Task" pending State authorization of the funding. On October 8, 2013, the California Transportation Commission authorized the expenditure of Proposition 1A High Speed Rail funding for this effort and the funding is now available.

Pursuant to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and RT's DBE Program, no DBE participation goal was set for this procurement.

Staff recommends the Board award a Contract to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-10-_____

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

October 14, 2013

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR FTA NEW STARTS, ENVIRONMENTAL AND
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE GREEN LINE TO THE AIRPORT
RAIL PROJECT TO AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Contract for FTA New Starts, Environmental and Engineering Services for the Green Line to the Airport Rail Project between the Sacramento Regional Transit District (therein "RT") and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (therein referred to as "Consultant"), wherein Consultant agrees to provide FTA New Starts, Environmental and Engineering Services for the Green Line to the Airport Rail Project as specified, including Optional Task 7, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,500,000.00 is hereby approved.

THAT, the Chair and General Manager/CEO are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract.

PATRICK HUME, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary