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PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: REGIONAL LIGHT RAIL CONNECTOR DOWNTOWN

ACTION: AWARD CONTRACT AND AMEND THE FY08 BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS CONSISTENT WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION NEW STARTS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REGIONAL LIGHT RAIL CONNECTOR DOWNTOWN

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award and execute the following contracts for the Regional Light Rail Connector Downtown (Regional Connector):

- A. A firm fixed-price Contract No. PS 4320-1985 to Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. (CDM) to provide professional services in a not to exceed amount of \$ 2,091,696 for an Alternative Analysis (AA) for the Regional Connector with options for environmental clearance;
- B. A firm fixed-price Contract No. PS-4320-1988 to Robert Group to provide professional services in an amount not to exceed \$ 192,269 for facilitation of community participation;
- C. Contract modifications for up to \$ 240,000 to cover the cost of any potentially unforeseen issues that may arise during the above phases; and
- D. Amend the FY08 Budget by adding \$ 1,967,000 to the STIP-PPM fund to cover the portion of the work to be completed in FY08. Add a combined total of 1.45 FTE's for the Communications, Construction and Planning Departments.

RATIONALE

At its June 29, 2006 Meeting, the Board instructed staff to begin an Alternatives Analysis consistent with Federal guidelines for the Regional Light Rail Connector Downtown. In

response to the Board directives, staff released two Requests for Proposals (RFP): one for the Alternatives Analysis (AA) and one for the project's Public Outreach and Community Participation. The RFP for the AA also included several additional options to continue the work, including: a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (DEIS/R); completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (FEIS/R); and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts process. Preliminary Engineering (PE) will be procured under a separate RFP.

The regional light rail system contains a gap between the Pasadena/Eastside Gold Lines and the Exposition/Blue Lines. The 1.85 mile gap is through the central business district (CBD) of Los Angeles. The current south and west system terminus is at 7th and Flower Streets (Metro Center Station). The north and east system central terminus is at Union Station. Connections through the CBD currently require at least two transfers to go from north to south light rail lines. The CBD contains the largest concentration of employment in the greater Los Angeles County region.

The Corridor is generally between the Metro Rail station at 7th and Figueroa (Metro Center Station) and the Metro Gold Line Little Tokyo Station at Alameda and/or Union Station. The Regional Connector would conceptually extend the Metro Gold (Pasadena/Eastside), Metro Blue and Exposition Light Rail Transit corridors through the Central Business District of Los Angeles. The extension would begin at the Metro Blue Line terminus at 7th Street and continue generally through to 1st and Alameda streets, a distance of approximately 1.85 miles. There is potential for at-grade, aerial or subway options for this alignment.

Because of the sensitive adjacent land uses located in many parts of this corridor, alternatives will need to consider a full range of design and mitigation solutions to enlist the support of local communities for the completion of this line segment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this action will amend the FY08 budget by adding the amount of \$ 1,967,000 to the STIP-PPM fund for allocation to project 400228 (Regional Connector). Since this is a multi-year project, the cost center manager and Chief Planning Officer will be responsible for budgeting the cost in future years.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Two alternatives were considered: (1) Using Metro staff to conduct the study: This is not viable because Metro does not have sufficient staff to conduct a study of this magnitude; (2) Not authorizing the CEO to award and execute the consultant contract: This is not considered feasible because it would prohibit staff from complying with the Board direction.

COST/PRICE ANALYSIS

The final negotiated price complies with all requirements of Metro procurement, including cost analysis, legal review, and audit.

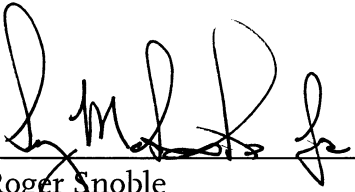
ATTACHMENT(S)

- A. Procurement Summary
- A-1. Procurement History
- A-2. List of Subcontractors

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**BOARD REPORT ATTACHMENT A
PROCUREMENT SUMMARY**

Regional Light Rail Connector Downtown

1.	Contract Number: PS4320-1985		
2.	Recommended Vendor: Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM)		
3.	Cost/Price Analysis Information:		
	A. Bid/Proposed Price: \$2,946,550	Recommended Price: \$2,091,696 NTE	
	B. Details of Significant Variances are in Attachment A-1.D		
4.	Contract Type: Firm Fixed Price not to exceed (FFP)		
5.	Procurement Dates:		
	A. Issued: 01-29-07		
	B. Advertised: 01-29-07		
	C. Pre-proposal Conference: 03-06-07		
	D. Proposals Due: 03-16-07		
	E. Pre-Qualification Completed: 05-11-07		
	F. Conflict of Interest Form Submitted to Ethics: Yes – 04-05-07		
6.	Small Business Participation:		
	A. Bid/Proposal Goal: 20% DBE	Date Small Business Evaluation Completed: 05-23-07	
	B. Small Business Commitment: 30% Details are in Attachment A-2		
7.	Invitation for Bid/Request for Proposal Data:		
	Notifications Sent: 1371	Bids/Proposals Picked up: 100	Bids/Proposals Received: 1
8.	Evaluation Information:		
	A. Bidders/Proposers Names: Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM)	<u>Bid/Proposal Amount:</u> \$2,946,550	<u>Best and Final Offer Amount:</u> \$2,091,696 NTE
	B. Evaluation Methodology: Details are in Attachment A-1.C		
9.	Protest Information:		
	A. Protest Period End Date: 06-27-07		
	B. Protest Receipt Date: N/A		
	C. Disposition of Protest Date: N/A		
10.	Contract Administrator: Ed Kichi	Telephone Number: 922-3647	
11.	Project Manager: Robin Blair	Telephone Number: 922-3074	

BOARD REPORT ATTACHMENT A-1 PROCUREMENT HISTORY

Regional Light Rail Connector Downtown

A. Background on Contractor

Camp, Dresser & McKee Inc. (CDM) - 523 W. 6th Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90014.

CDM's services consist of consulting, engineering, construction, and operations. Their areas of experience are water, environment, transportation, facilities and processes, international development. CDM provides services through the following four major business units: Federal Services Group, Industrial Services Group, International Services Group, and Public Services Group.

Established 1947, as a partnership and incorporated in 1970. CDM has 60 years of business experience and currently employs 4,000 people working from 100+ offices worldwide; they are employee owned. In addition to the parent company (Camp Dresser & McKee Inc.), CDM owns three subsidiaries (CDM Constructors Inc., CDM Federal Programs Corporation, and CDM International Inc.). CDM also has a majority interest in CDM Consult Holding AG, one of the leading companies for environmental and geotechnical consulting and design in Germany.

CDM has not worked with Metro previously.

CDM is currently working on Los Angeles World Airports projects such as the LAX Master Plan EIS/EIR and a Green Line Transportation Connection Study. In addition, other projects include the Seattle, WA Environmental Support Services for Sound Transit; Design Services for Houston Bus Rapid Transit/Light Rail Transit, Houston, TX. Completed projects include Environmental Services for Stage II Light Rail Transit, Pittsburgh, PA; EIR/EIS for Oakland Connector, BART Oakland, CA,

B. Procurement Background

This Request For Proposal (RFP) is a standard Architect & Engineering (A&E), qualifications based, negotiated competitive procurement, pursuant to the Brooks Act, where cost is not a factor. Government codes 4525 through 4529 also apply. The purpose is to provide an Alternative Analysis (AA) and related supporting environmental work for the Regional Connector.

During a special Board meeting held June 29, 2006, (Minutes item 1B) authorization was provided to initiate action in support of the Regional Connector in downtown Los Angeles.

Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) has established a DALP DBE goal of 20%. Based on minimal risks in performance and a thorough understanding of the technical and performance requirements, this contract is being awarded as a Firm Fixed Price (FFP).

C. Evaluation of Proposals

The solicitation was issued in accordance with the Procurement Policy Manual. A Source Selection Committee was convened and conducted a comprehensive technical evaluation of the proposal

received and held oral discussions. Based on the evaluation criteria stipulated within the RFP solicitation, CDM has fulfilled the requirements of Metro.

D. Cost/Price Analysis Explanation of Variances

The recommended price of \$2,091,696 NTE has been determined to be fair and reasonable based upon a Management Audit Services (MAS) pre-award audit, a cost analysis, independent cost estimates, an extensive technical review, fact findings and cost negotiations with CDM.

**BOARD REPORT ATTACHMENT A-2
LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS**

Regional Light Rail Connector Downtown

PRIME CONTRACTOR – Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM)

<u>Small Business Commitment</u>		<u>Other Subcontractors</u>
Terry Hayes & Associates	3.5%	Fehr & Peers/Kaku & Associates
Ted Tokio Tanaka & Associates	6.1%	SWCA
Intueor	4.8%	Banerjee & Associates
Sharon Green & Associates	2.7%	PBM Americas
D'Leon Consulting Engineers	2.4%	IBI Group
Wagner	2.3%	Mac Tec
Cordoba Corporation	3.9%	
LKG-CMC**	4.4%	

Total Commitment 20%

**BOARD REPORT ATTACHMENT A
PROCUREMENT SUMMARY**

Regional Light Rail Connector Downtown - OUTREACH

1.	Contract Number: PS4320-1988		
2.	Recommended Vendor: The Robert Group		
3.	Cost/Price Analysis Information:		
	A. Bid/Proposed Price: \$226,455	Recommended Price: \$192,269 NTE	
	B. Details of Significant Variances are in Attachment A-1.D		
4.	Contract Type: Firm Fixed Price (FFP)		
5.	Procurement Dates:		
	A. Issued: 03-01-07		
	B. Advertised: 03-01-07		
	C. Pre-proposal Conference: 03-26-07		
	D. Proposals Due: 04-16-07		
	E. Pre-Qualification Completed: 06-05-07		
	F. Conflict of Interest Form Submitted to Ethics: Yes – 05-31-07		
6.	Small Business Participation:		
	A. Bid/Proposal Goal: 20% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Anticipated Level of Participation (DALP)	Date Small Business Evaluation Completed: June 6, 2007	
	B. DBE Commitment: 100% Details are in Attachment A-2		
7.	Invitation for Bid/Request for Proposal Data:		
	Notifications Sent: 1296	Bids/Proposals Picked up: 57	Bids/Proposals Received: 4
8.	Evaluation Information:		
	<u>A. Bidders/Proposers Names:</u>	<u>Bid/Proposal Amount:</u>	<u>Best and Final Offer Amount:</u>
	1. Diverse Strategies for Organizing, Inc.	\$138,330	\$192,269 NTE
	2. The Robert Group	\$226,455	
	3. The Sierra Group	\$122,134	
	4. Voices	\$874,396	
	B. Evaluation Methodology: Details are in Attachment A-1.C		
9.	Protest Information:		
	A. Protest Period End Date: June 27, 2007		
	B. Protest Receipt Date: N/A		
	C. Disposition of Protest Date: N/A		
10.	Contract Administrator: Ed Kichi	Telephone Number: 922-3647	
11.	Project Manager: Robin Blair	Telephone Number: 922-3074	

BOARD REPORT ATTACHMENT A-1 PROCUREMENT HISTORY

Regional Light Rail Connector Downtown - OUTREACH

A. Background on Contractor

The Robert Group (TRG) is located at 3108 Los Feliz Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA. They were founded in 1993 by Christine Robert and is a certified woman and minority-owned public affairs firm with expertise in community outreach, working on large public works, transportation related projects, legislative advocacy geared towards infrastructure development and environmental issues. TRG has projects in both the public and private sectors statewide. They have offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA.

TRG is currently performing Outreach and Public Affairs work on the following projects the Los Angeles Metro, Mid-City Exposition Light Rail Phase 2. The City of Los Angeles / BOS projects such as the (1) Alternative Technologies for Progressive Solid Waste Disposal; (2) LA Multi-Family Recycling Pilot Program; (3) Bureau of Sanitation Task 26. Other Outreach and Public Affairs projects include the City of Santa Monica 20th Street/Cloverfield Boulevard improvements; Hollywood Park Master Plan Inglewood, CA; City of Los Angeles Recreation & Parks Needs Assessment; the Muni Metro Third St. Light Rail New Central Subway Seg. San Francisco, CA.

TRG has completed Outreach and Public Affairs projects include the following: “Bridge to Breakwater” Waterfront & Promenade Project, San Pedro, CA; Exposition LRT Phase 1 Los Angeles to Culver City, CA; Lincoln Boulevard Mobility Improvement Study, Los Angeles to Santa Monica, CA; Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Gold Line, Los Angeles to Pasadena, CA; North County Combined Highway Corridor Study Los Angeles County, CA; San Fernando Valley North/South Transit Corridor Study, Los Angeles County, CA; Crenshaw Corridor Short Term Enhancements, Los Angeles, CA; Mid-City/Westside Transit Corridor Major Investment Study, Los Angeles, CA; FEIS/FEIR for the Exposition Line, Los Angeles, CA; Red Car Trolley Services in Downtown Los Angeles Feasibility Study, Los Angeles, CA; Duck Farm Concept Plan, La Puente, CA; Amtrak Union Station Run-Through Tracks, Los Angeles, CA; Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, Downtown Los Angeles to Canoga Park, CA.

B. Procurement Background

This Request For Proposal (RFP) is a standard competitive qualifications based negotiated procurement. The purpose is to provide a public outreach program to support the Regional Light Rail Connector Downtown, Alternative Analysis.

During a special Board meeting held June 29, 2006, (Minutes item 1B) authorization was provided to initiate action in support of the Regional Connector in downtown Los Angeles.

Based on minimal risks in performance and a thorough understanding of the technical and performance requirements, this contract is being awarded as a Firm Fixed Price (FFP).

Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Anticipated Level of Participation (DALP) of 20%.

C. Evaluation of Proposals

The solicitation was issued in accordance with the Procurement Policy Manual. A Source Selection Committee was convened and conducted a comprehensive technical evaluation of the proposals received and held oral discussions. Based on the evaluation criteria stipulated within the RFP solicitation, The Robert Group received the highest rank of the four responsive proposals submitted.

D. Cost/Price Analysis Explanation of Variances

The recommended price of \$192,269 NTE has been determined to be fair and reasonable based upon a Management Audit Services (MAS) pre-award audit, a cost analysis, independent cost estimates, an extensive technical review, fact findings and negotiations with The Robert Group.

**BOARD REPORT ATTACHMENT A-2
LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS**

Regional Light Rail Connector Downtown - OUTREACH

PRIME CONTRACTOR – The Robert Group – DBE Prime (TRG)

DBE Commitment

Other Subcontractors

The ROBERT GROUP(DBE PRIME) 100%

Total DBE Commitment 100%

