

EXPOSITION METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

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DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2005

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM: RICHARD D. THORPE
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**ACTION: AUTHORIZE CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A
CONTRACT FOR PROCUREMENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a Contract for procurement support services with TEC Management Consultants, Inc. (TEC) in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

SUMMARY

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Authority) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a firm to design and construct the Mid-City/Exposition Corridor Light Rail Transit Project (Expo Project), and is currently in the procurement process. As a new public agency, it is essential for the Authority to use the services of outside professional consultants to assist in carrying out and successfully completing the design-build procurement process and selecting a firm to build the Expo Project. TEC is uniquely qualified, on the basis of its significant involvement in the development of procurement and contract documents for the Expo Project, to provide the procurement support services that will meet the Authority's needs.

DISCUSSION

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority has the authority and responsibility under California State law for the design and construction of a light rail transit line between downtown Los Angeles and downtown Santa Monica. As a critical first step in carrying out that responsibility, the Authority issued a RFP on September 16, 2005, seeking proposals from interested parties to design and construct the Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail Transit Project. The procurement process will continue through February 2006.

The contracting and procurement approach being used for the design and construction of the Project can best be described as a "Negotiated Design-Build" procurement, with

contract award based on a “Best Value” selection. The procurement and contract documents were developed over a period of several months pursuant to a peer review process and extensive meetings and consultations with interested firms in the design and construction industry.

The Authority has relied to a considerable extent on the professional services and assistance of employees and outside consultants of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to prepare the procurement and contract documents for the solicitation. A substantial amount of this assistance over the past 12 months has been provided by TEC, through its employee Bud Gandy, under a Metro PMA contract with URS, Contract PM022.

The purpose of this Board item is to assure that these vital services can continue through the completion of the design-build procurement process by the execution of a contract between the Authority and TEC for Bud Gandy’s continued services. TEC is uniquely qualified to provide the procurement support services needed by the Authority. Since this contract is proposed to be awarded on a sole source basis, a Sole Source Justification is attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated costs of the proposed procurement support services are within the Project Budget.

ATTACHMENT

- a. [Sole Source Justification](#)