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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 19, 2004**

SUBJECT: ALUMINUM BUS WHEELS

ACTION: AWARD CONTRACT FOR ALUMINUM BUS WHEELS

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award a 24-month firm fixed-price requirements contract under Bid 04-0002 to Century Wheel and Rim, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for 6,700 aluminum bus wheels in an amount not to exceed \$2,140,825, inclusive of sales tax.

RATIONALE

As part of the bus operations Planned Maintenance Program (PMP), aluminum wheels will replace steel wheels. Bus wheels are inspected as part of the brake inspection every 1,500 miles. When possible, the aluminum wheels shall be installed during scheduled brake relines to reduce duplication of efforts. Advantages of aluminum wheels include less maintenance, higher payload capacity, reduced wheel weight, one-piece forged strength, corrosion-resistant, and improved brake heat dissipation. The MTA utilizes approximately 3,350 aluminum bus wheels per year. In addition, the aluminum wheels have a higher salvage value than the steel wheels.

The aluminum bus wheels provided under this contract will provide materials required for support of bus operations maintenance programs and prevent buses from being out of service for the next 24 months. The aluminum wheels provided by Century Wheel and Rim are Alcoa Dura-Bright wheels. Alcoa Wheel products introduced a patented integral treatment that sheds dirt and road grime and protects the shine on the wheel with ordinary washing. The Dura-Bright wheel requires less maintenance to clean and requires no painting or polishing. This contract communicates value in safety and service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding of \$447,426 for this procurement is included in the FY04 budget in Cost Centers 3503, 3508, 3515, 3601, 3609, 3706, 3707, 3710, 3802, 3805, 3818, 3441, 3442, and 3443 under project numbers 300011, 301008, 302008, 304008, and 305008 Bus Operations. Since this is a multiple-year master-agreement contract, the cost center managers and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer will be accountable for budgeting costs for future years. In FY03, \$133,799 was expended on Low Floor Wheels and zero High Floor Wheels.

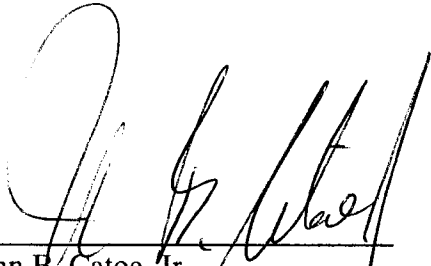
ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The alternative is not to award this master agreement contract and procure the aluminum bus wheels on an as-needed basis, using the traditional “min/max” replenishment system method. This strategy is not recommended since it does not provide for commitment from the supplier to ensure availability, timely delivery, continued supply and a guaranteed fixed price for the aluminum bus wheels.

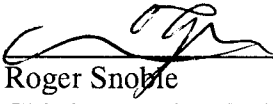
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**BOARD REPORT ATTACHMENT A
PROCUREMENT SUMMARY**

ALUMINUM BUS WHEELS

1.	Contract Number: 04-0002		
2.	Recommended Vendor: Century Wheel & Rim		
3.	Cost/Price Analysis Information:		
	A. Bid/Proposed Price: \$2,140,824.53	Recommended Price: \$2,140,824.53	
	B. Details of Significant Variances: N/A		
4.	Contract Type: Unit fixed price		
5.	Procurement Dates:		
	A. Issued: October 9, 2003		
	B. Advertised: October 16, 2003		
	C. Pre-bid/proposal Conference: October 22, 2003		
	D. Bids/Proposals Due: December 2, 2003		
	E. Pre-Qualification Completed: December 16, 2003		
	F. Conflict of Interest Form Submitted to Ethics: December 2, 2003		
6.	Small Business Participation:		
	A. Bid/Proposal Goal: 7%	Date Small Business Evaluation Completed: December 10, 2003	
	B. Small Business Commitment: 7.53% goal met by Century Wheel & Rim		
7.	Invitation for Bid/Request for Proposal Data:		
	Notifications Sent: 25	Bid/Proposals Picked up: 2	Bid/Proposals Received: 4
8.	Evaluation Information:		
	A. Bidders Names: Century Wheel & Rim MCI Service Parts Inc. NABI New Flyer Parts	Bid Amounts: \$2,140,824.53 \$2,370,876.35 \$2,384,291.77 \$2,496,537.28	Best and Final Offer Amount: N/A
	Evaluation Methodology: Lowest responsive and responsible bidder		
9.	Protest Information:		
	A. Protest Period: February 24, 2004		
	B. Protest Receipt Date: N/A		
	C. Disposition of Protest Date: N/A		
10.	Contract Administrator: Joanne Cummings	Telephone Number: 922-1035	
11.	Project Manager: Mike Stange	Telephone Number: 922-5751	

**BOARD REPORT ATTACHMENT A-1
PROCUREMENT HISTORY**

ALUMINUM BUS WHEELS

A. Background of Contractor

Century Wheel & Rim, located at Montebello, California, is wholly owned by Polar Tank Trailer Corporation of Holdingford, Minnesota. For 21 years, Century Wheel & Rim has offered a full selection of parts and accessories to the transit industry.

Century Wheel & Rim has performed satisfactory work for Los Angeles Unified School District, Long Beach Transit, and Torrance Transit. In the private sector, Century Wheel & Rim is the primary supplier of wheels for Parkhouse Tire and the Multiquip family of companies. This Bus Aluminum Wheels contract will be Metro's first contract award to Century Wheel & Rim.

B. Procurement Background

MTA advertised and issued Invitation for Bid No. 04-0002 on October 9, 2003. In addition to newspaper advertising, 25 notification cards were sent out by Vendor Relations to companies identified in its database as potential bidders. Five bids were received in a timely manner and opened on December 2, 2003. Ames Moving Parts immediately withdrew its bid due to a clerical error.

The bids were analyzed for responsiveness and responsibility in accordance with the MTA Procurement Policies and Procedures. The Diversity & Economic Opportunity (DEO) Department established a 7% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this contract.

C. Evaluation of Bids

Century Wheel & Rim listed one (1) DBE subcontractor to perform a portion of the required scope of work. A certification verification revealed that this DBE subcontractor, Cinedyne Service & Parts, is DBE certified. Century Wheel & Rim exceeded the goal and therefore, is responsive to the DBE requirements for this project.

MCI Service Parts, Inc. submitted a bid with no DBE forms. Therefore, no further evaluation was conducted and MCI Service Parts, Inc. is non-responsive to the DBE requirements for this project at this time. No Good Faith Efforts documentation has been requested.

North American Bus Industry (NABI) listed one (1) DBE subcontractor to perform a portion of the required scope of work. A certification verification revealed that this subcontractor, Langley Traffic Services, is DBE certified. However, NABI did not list Langley to perform enough to meet the 7% participation requirement. Therefore, NABI is non-responsive to the DBE requirement for this project at this time. No Good Faith Efforts documentation has been requested.

New Flyer Industries Limited listed no subcontractor or supplier to perform any portion of the required scope of work. Therefore, New Flyer Industries Limited is non-responsive to the DBE requirements for this project at this time. No Good Faith Efforts documentation has been requested.

Ames Moving Parts withdrew their bid and no further evaluation was conducted. No Good Faith Efforts documentation has been requested.

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

ALUMINUM BUS WHEELS

PRIME CONTRACTOR – Century Wheel & Rim

Small Business Commitment

Other Subcontractors

Cinedyne Service & Parts

None

Total Commitment: 7.53% DBE

**BOARD REPORT ATTACHMENT A-3
 BID TABULATION
 Bid No: 04-0002 ALUMINUM BUS WHEELS**

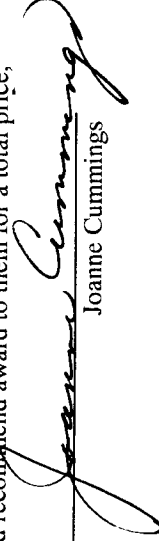
Bids Out: 10/09/03 Total: 25
 Bids Opened: 12/02/03 Total: 4
 Adv. Date: 09/16/03
 Newspaper: Daily News

Item	Description	Brand	Qty	UM	Century Wheel & Rim		MCI Service Parts, Inc.		NABI		New Flyer Industries	
					Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension
1	MTA # 0250200002 Low Floor Wheels MFG. Part No. 885553DB	ALC0A 885553DB	1500	ea	\$336.13	\$504,195.00	\$361.26	\$541,890.00	\$371.81	\$557,715.00	\$356.94	\$535,410.00
2	MTA # 0210200229 High Floor Wheels MFG. Part No. 983613DB	ALC0A 983613DB	5200	ea	\$283.36	\$1,473,472.00	\$316.98	\$1,648,296.00	\$316.32	\$1,644,864.00	\$340.55	\$1,770,860.00
Subtotal						\$1,977,667.00		\$2,190,186.00		\$2,202,579.00		\$2,306,270.00
Sales Tax 8.25%						\$163,157.53		\$180,690.35		\$181,712.77		\$190,267.28
Terms						Net 10		Net 30		Net 30		Net 30
Total Bid						\$2,140,824.53		\$2,370,876.35		\$2,384,291.77		\$2,496,537.28

I hereby certify CENTURY WHEEL & RIM as being the lowest responsible bidder and recommend award to them for a total price, including sales tax, of \$2,140,825

12-20-03

Date


 Joanne Cummings