



## EXECUTIVE DECISION DOCUMENT

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<b>BOARD INITIATED ITEM:</b> No				
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### Award of Agreement for Maintenance of Way Flat Cars and Related Services

#### PURPOSE:

To obtain Board authorization for the General Manager to award Agreement No. 6M3756 to Rail Industry Specialist, Inc. (RIS), located in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, to lease three (3) Maintenance of Way flat car chassis and provide related services in an amount not-to-exceed \$436,769.

#### DISCUSSION:

The District requires three (3) Maintenance of Way Flat Cars to distribute materials for track maintenance to maintain compliance with safety standards and regulatory commitments. During outreach to potential vendors, District staff discovered that the procurement of these flat cars is typically done in large quantities, often in the hundreds, and the manufacturing facilities may be located outside the United States. The District has three (3) pairs of 66-inch wheel assemblies salvaged from three decommissioned flat cars. Therefore, the District issued a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for a supplier to provide three (3) chassis for lease and to upfit the flat cars with the District's supplied 66-inch wheel assemblies. The lease also includes the option to purchase the chassis at the end of the lease period.

An electronic copy of the RFP was posted on the District's Procurement Portal on May 12, 2025, and distributed to all registered vendors and twenty-nine (29) certified Disadvantaged Businesses Enterprises (DBEs). Additionally, eight (8) potential proposers were invited to participate in the RFP. The District advertised the RFP in ten newspapers, and four (4) proposers downloaded the RFP. A pre-proposal meeting was held on May 20, 2025. The District received one (1) proposal from RIS on June 3, 2025.

The Proposal was reviewed by the Source Selection Committee (Committee) chaired by Contract Administration and consisting of representatives from Infrastructure Delivery and the Office of Civil Rights. The Committee reviewed the technical proposal for compliance with the minimum technical requirements set forth in the RFP and found the proposal from RIS meets the minimum technical requirements and is responsive to the RFP requirements.

Based on the advertised RFP's evaluation criteria, the Committee, in examining the Proposer's business experience and financial capabilities, has determined that the Proposer has met the responsibility requirements. To secure best pricing for the District, a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) was issued to the Proposer. The BAFO total price of \$436,768.95 submitted by RIS is deemed fair and reasonable and is lower than the Engineer's Estimate.

This Agreement was advertised pursuant to the District's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") Program requirements. The Office of Civil Rights reviewed the scope of work for this Agreement and determined that there were limited DBE subconsulting opportunities; therefore, no DBE participation goal was set for this Agreement.

The Office of the General Counsel will approve the Agreement as to form. The Procurement Department will review the procurement to ensure compliance with its procedures.

#### **CAPITAL FISCAL IMPACT:**

The \$436,769 authorization to award Agreement No. 6M3756 to Rail Industry Specialist, Inc. contributes to Fiscal Year 2025 - System Reinvestment planned expenditure amount of \$250,513,587.

The table below lists funding assigned since project inception date of 08/31/2019.

<b>Funding Sources</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Fund Group</b>	<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
15TD003	FY 2018 NRVE Procurement	BART	Operating to Capital Allocation	\$5,923,061
15TD003	FY 2018 NRVE Procurement	Federal	FTA 5307/5337 SOGR	\$22,644,216
<b>Total Project Funding</b>				<b>\$28,567,278</b>

As of July 28, 2025, the table below lists the current budget of the project:

Project	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Pre-Encumbrance	Available Budget
15TD003	\$28,567,278	\$11,547,404	\$1,988,990	\$8,225,000	\$6,805,884
Total Budget	\$28,567,278	\$11,547,404	\$1,988,990	\$8,225,000	\$6,805,884

The Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are currently available to meet this obligation.

This action is not anticipated to have any Fiscal Impact on unprogrammed District reserves.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may elect to reject the Proposal and re-advertise the RFP. There is no assurance that re-advertising will increase the number of Proposers or lead to a reduction in Proposal prices, as previously indicated in the discussion. Rejecting the RFP may result in delays of critical maintenance projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board adopt the following motion.

**MOTION:**

The General Manager is authorized to award Agreement No. 6M3756 to Rail Industry Specialist, Inc., to lease three (3) Maintenance of Way Flat Car chassis and provide related services in an amount not-to-exceed \$436,769, pursuant to a notification to be issued by the General Manager.