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Award of contract for Hi-Rail Mid-Size Excavator IFB 9141 (15TD006)

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board authorization for the General Manager to award Invitation for Bid (IFB) No. 9141, to RCE Equipment Solutions Inc. of Rockford, IL, for one (1) Hi-Rail Mid-Size Excavator.

DISCUSSION:

This Contract is for the procurement of one (1) Hi-Rail Mid-Size Excavator, equipped with a 66-inch gauge hi-rail system and specialized rail attachments to support systemwide track work. The Excavator plays a crucial role in District maintenance activities, including rail tie and track repairs, ballast movement, and other track-related tasks.

A notice requesting bids for the IFB was published on November 15, 2024. On the same day, this solicitation was uploaded onto the BART vendor portal. Correspondence was sent to five (5) prospective Bidders inviting them to view the solicitation on the portal. A total of thirteen (13) prospective Bidders downloaded the solicitation.

One (1) Bid was received on the Bid opening date of February 4, 2025. Tabulation of the bid and the Engineer's Estimate is included below:

BIDDER	Total Bid Price for 2 Units	Grand Total Including 10.25% Sales Tax
RCE Equipment Solutions, Inc. Rockford, IL	\$1,220,800.00	\$1,345,932.00
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	\$830,000.00	\$915,075.00

District staff has determined that the sole Bid submitted by RCE Equipment Solutions, Inc. (RCE) meets all requirements and is responsive to the solicitation. After thorough evaluation, staff concluded that RCE's Bid of \$1,220,800 is fair and reasonable. However, the Bid exceeds the Engineer's Estimate by 47%. After internal discussions were held with the District end users, the District has decided to reduce the original purchase quantity from two (2) excavators to one (1).

Currently, there are no electric Hi-Rail options in the market for any body type, including the Mid-Size Excavator. Staff will continue to track available electric models for each procurement.

Pursuant to the District's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") Program, the Office of Civil Rights reviewed the scope of work for this IFB and determined that there were no DBE subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no DBE participation goal was set for this procurement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$672,966 to award IFB No. 9141 to RCE Equipment Solutions, Inc., for the purchase of one (1) Hi-Rail Mid-Size Excavator, contributes to Fiscal Year 2025 - System Reinvestment-Work Equipment planned expenditure amount of \$250,513,587.

The table below lists funding assigned since project inception date of 10/14/2022.

Funding Sources				
Project	Project Description	Fund Group	Fund Description	Amount
15TD006	NRVE Procurement	Federal	FTA 5307/5337 SOGR	\$4,437,600
15TD006	NRVE Procurement	BART	BART Allocation	\$1,109,400
Total Project Funding				\$5,547,000

As of March 13, 2025, the table below lists the current budget of the project:

Project	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Pre-Encumbrance	Available Budget
15TD006	\$5,547,000	\$74,608	\$0.00	\$810,000	\$4,662,391
Total Budget	\$5,547,000	\$74,608	\$0.00	\$810,000	\$4,662,391

The Office of 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 Bid received and re-advertise the IFB; however, there is no guarantee that doing so will attract more Bidders or result in lower Bids. Additionally, future excavator procurements may be more costly due to tariffs imposed on component materials. Re-advertising would also cause delays, hindering the progress of various projects throughout the District that rely on the vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board adopt the following motion.

MOTION:

The General Manager is authorized to award IFB No. 9141 Hi-Rail Mid-Size Excavator, to RCE Equipment Solutions, Inc., of Rockford, IL, for the amount of \$672,966 (including all applicable sales taxes), pursuant to notification to be issued by the General Manager.