SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.  SUBJECT: Contract No. WW-08-2005
Walt Whitman Bridge Cable Protection
Membrane Installation - Phase I

COMMITTEE: Operations and Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: April 20, 2005

BOARD ACTION DATE: May 18, 2005

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with the firm of
Cornell & Company to install an elastomeric membrane on the upper
sections of the two main cables of the Walt Whitman Bridge.

Amount: $1,234,000.00

Contractor: Cornell & Company
224 Cornell Lane
Westville, New Jersey

Other Bidders: Jupiter Painting & Contracting Co. $2,077,625.00
IEW $2,353,800.00

Engineer's Estimate: $2,041,660.00

PURPOSE: To provide a waterproof membrane on the exterior of the Walt
Whitman Bridge main cable for sections of the cable immediately
adjacent to the two main towers.

BACKGROUND: The Walt Whitman Bridge has been operating since 1957. The Walt
Whitman Bridge main cables were erected almost 50 years ago and provide primary
support for the main suspended spans between anchorages. In 2003 and 2004, the
Authority engaged Weidlinger Associates to investigate the condition of the interior
of the cable through random sampling of eleven forty foot (40') sections. This
investigation determined that the cable showed greater amounts of wire corrosion
near the towers.

Weidlinger Associates recommended that a cable protection
membrane be installed on the cable sections immediately adjacent to
the two main towers to protect the interior wires from further
corrosion. This membrane will greatly reduce the current rate of
corrosion and improve the long term longevity of the cables.
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The project was publicly advertised and bid documents were offered to the public beginning on March 8, 2005 with a bid opening date of March 29, 2005. Five (5) sets of documents were sold. A total of three (3) bids were received. The low bid was submitted by in the amount of $1,234,400.00.

Staff has completed the evaluation of bids and recommends that the contract be awarded to Cornell & Company in the amount of $1,234,400.00 as the lowest responsive bidder to perform the contract work.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $1,234,400.00
Source of Funding: 1999 Revenue Bonds
Revenue Fund: N/A
Capital Project #: WW0501
Master Plan Status: 2001 Master Plan Update
Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: 11 Months
Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority accepts the bid of Cornell & Company to install a cable protection membrane on a portion of the Walt Whitman Bridge, and that the proper officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate a contract with Cornell & Company for the required work in an amount not to exceed $1,234,400.00, per the attached Summary Statement; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Chair, Vice Chair and the Chief Executive Officer must approve and are hereby authorized to approve and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, or other documents on behalf of the DRPA. If such agreements, contracts, or other documents have been approved by the Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer, and if thereafter, either the Chair or Vice Chair is absent or unavailable, the remaining Officer may execute the said document(s) on behalf of DRPA, along with the Chief Executive Officer. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent or unavailable, and if it is necessary to execute the said document(s), while they are absent or unavailable, then the Chief Executive Officer shall execute such document(s) on behalf of DRPA.

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