SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.  SUBJECT:  Purchase of Curve Rails for Subways

COMMITTEE:  Operations and Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:  June 13, 2007

BOARD ACTION DATE:  July 18, 2007

PROPOSAL:  That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with Vossloch Track Material, Inc. for the procurement and delivery of curve rails with restraining guard rails.

Amount:  $169,166.00

Contractor:  Vossloch Track Material, Inc.
  RD # 2 Leesport Ave
  Reading, Pa. 19605-9759

Other Bidders:  Progress Rail $248,437.00
  L.B. Foster $355,152.77
  Atlantic Track No Bid

PURPOSE:  To replace the existing subway curve rail in the tunnel between the Broadway and City Hall Stations, on both the eastbound and westbound tracks. The existing rail has been in service since the late 1980’s and is worn to the extent that it needs to be replaced. The rail will be installed by PATCO.

BACKGROUND:  The 2007 Capital Budget includes funds for the continuing program of upgrading the existing track throughout the system. This project includes the replacement of the curved rail in the subway between the Broadway and City Hall Stations. This rail has been in service since the late 1980’s, and has exceeded its useful life. This rail is essential to the operation of PATCO and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. The new rail will be installed by PATCO maintenance forces. Federal funds will be used for this purchase in the ratio of 80% federal with 20% matching funds from the Capital Budget.

Bids were publicly advertised for the procurement and delivery of curve rails with restraining guard rails to be installed by PATCO in the subway tunnels. Bid documents were mailed to ten (10) prospective bidders, and four (4) responses were received. An
advertisement was also posted on the DRPA’s website. The low bid was submitted by Vossloch Track Material, Inc. in the total amount of $169,166.00.

It is recommended that a contract be negotiated for procurement and delivery of curve rails with restraining guard rails with Vossloch Track Material, Inc in the total amount of $169,166.00. Upon approval of the Board, a contract will be negotiated with Vossloch Track Material, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $33,833.20 (20% PATCO Share)
Source of Funds: 1999 Revenue Bonds (PATCO Share)
Capital Project #: PF9602
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: $135,332.80
(80% FTA Grant #NJ-90-0055)
Duration of Contract: N/A
Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the proper officers of the Authority to negotiate a contract with Vossloch Track Material, Inc. for procurement and delivery of curve rail with restraining guard rails to be installed by PATCO in the subway tunnels for a total cost not to exceed $169,166.00; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Chair, Vice Chair and the President must approve and are hereby authorized to approve and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, or other documents on behalf of PATCO. If such agreements, contracts, or other documents have been approved by the Chair, Vice Chair and President 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 PATCO along with the President. 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 President shall execute such documents on behalf of PATCO.

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