SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.       SUBJECT: Professional Services for 2008 Biennial Inspection of the Walt Whitman Bridge

COMMITTEE: Operations and Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: January 16, 2008

BOARD ACTION DATE: February 20, 2008

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate an agreement with HNTB to provide engineering services required to perform the 2008 Biennial Inspection of the Walt Whitman Bridge.

Amount: $715,642.44

Consultant: HNTB

Other Consultants: Charles H. Sells, Inc.
URS Corporation
Wilbur Smith Associates
Modjeski and Masters

Engineer’s Estimate: $ 718,000.00

PURPOSE: To provide consulting engineering services for the 2008 Biennial Inspection of the Walt Whitman Bridge. The work includes close visual, “hands on” inspection of fracture critical members and fatigue sensitive connections, visual inspection of all bridge components and systems, underwater inspection of Philadelphia tower piers, preparation of a 2008 Biennial Inspection Report for the Walt Whitman Bridge, and completion of Structure Inventory and Appraisal forms and Bridge Management forms as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and State of New Jersey, respectively.

BACKGROUND: Under the Delaware River Port Authority’s (DRPA) Bond Indentures dated 1995, 1998 and 1999, the DRPA is obligated to inspect all DRPA facilities every second calendar year; the Indenture further states that an inspection report be submitted on or before October 1 of every second calendar year. In past years, the Commissioners have authorized payment from the Revenue Fund for services rendered. The most recent biennial inspection of the Walt Whitman Bridge facility occurred in the Summer of 2006. In order to satisfy the Authority’s Bond Indenture and in order to assist in developing a plan for maintaining this facility, it is necessary to perform this Biennial Inspection of the Walt Whitman Bridge.
The Authority publicly advertised its intent to retain a consultant and invited interested firms to submit Statements of Qualifications for Inspection Services for the subject contract. From the consulting firms submitting a Statement of Qualifications, five (5) firms deemed most qualified were sent a Request for Proposal. A Committee of four (4) members of the DRPA Engineering staff evaluated the Proposals on the basis of technical merit. Staff’s recommendations were submitted to the Consultant Selection Committee which reviewed staff’s evaluations and recommendations. Based on the review of the Selection Committee, the Proposal submitted by HNTB was deemed to be the most responsive to the requirements for the Biennial Inspection of the Walt Whitman Bridge as outlined in our Request for Proposals.

In accordance with DRPA’s standard consultant selection procedure, which is qualifications based, the Price Proposal submitted by HNTB was opened and evaluated against the Engineer’s Estimate. Based on this evaluation, HNTB price of Seven Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Two Dollars and Forty Four Cents ($715,642.44) was determined to be fair and reasonable.

It is recommended that an engineering services agreement be negotiated with HNTB for charges covering the costs and associated fees not to exceed Seven Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Two Dollars and Forty Four Cents ($715,642.44). Upon approval of the Board, an Agreement will be negotiated with HNTB to provide consulting engineering services in accordance with the Request for Proposal.

SUMMARY:  
Amount: $715,642.44  
Source of Funding: Revenue Fund  
Operating Budget: N/A  
Capital Project #: N/A  
Master Plan Status: 2002  
Other Fund Sources: N/A  
Duration of Contract: 12 Months  
Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority accepts the Proposal of HNTB to provide consulting engineering, and that the proper officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate an Agreement with HNTB for an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Two Dollars and Forty Four Cents ($715,642.44), as 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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