SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.    SUBJECT:  Construction Monitoring Services for Contract No. WW-10-2008 Walt Whitman Bridge NJ Deck Truss Spans Deleading and Corrosion Protection

COMMITTEE:  Operations and Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:  April 16, 2008

BOARD ACTION DATE:  May 21, 2008

PROPOSAL:  That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate an agreement with Urban Engineers, Inc. to provide Construction Monitoring Services for Contract No. WW-10-2008, Walt Whitman NJ Deck Truss Spans Deleading and Corrosion Protection.

Amount:  $968,305.92

Consultant:  Urban Engineers, Inc.
530 Walnut Street, 14th Floor
Philadelphia, PA  19106-3685

Other Consultants:  Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
Greenhorne & O’Mara
Urbitran Group

Engineer’s Estimate:  $939,870.00

PURPOSE:  To provide full-time, on-site construction inspection and monitoring of the Walt Whitman Bridge Deck Truss Spans Deleading and Corrosion Protection contract. The services will include a full-time Resident Engineer and support inspection staff for inspecting all contract field activities, consultant office support and monitoring the contractor’s compliance with environmental and OSHA regulations.

BACKGROUND:  The Authority does not have sufficient staff to provide in-house monitoring and inspection for the subject bridge deleading and
corrosion protection. This work must be overseen by a consulting engineering firm that has demonstrated experience in painting major bridges coated with lead-based paint to assure that the work is carried out in accordance with the contract plans, specifications and applicable regulations. The consultant will monitor the blast cleaning/painting of the nine (9) deck-truss spans on the New Jersey approach 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 Construction Monitoring Services for the subject contract. Six (6) consulting firms expressed interest in the project by submitting a Statement of Qualifications. Four (4) engineering firms were deemed most qualified, and were sent Request for Proposals. 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 Urban Engineers, Inc. was deemed to be the most responsive to the requirements for Construction Monitoring Services for Contract No. WW-10-2008 as outlined in the Request for Proposals.

In accordance with DRPA’s standard consultant selection procedure, which is qualifications based, the Price proposal submitted by Urban Engineers, Inc. was opened and evaluated against the Engineer’s Estimate. Based on this evaluation, Urban Engineer’s price of $968,305.92 was determined to be fair and reasonable.

It is recommended that a professional services agreement be negotiated with Urban Engineers, Inc. for charges covering the costs and associated fees not to exceed $968,305.92. Upon approval of the Board, an Agreement will be negotiated with Urban Engineers, Inc. to provide professional services in accordance with the Request for Proposal.

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Source of Funding: 1999 Revenue Bonds/General Fund  
Operating Budget: N/A  
Capital Project #: WB0802  
Master Plan Status: 2007 Master Plan Update (Pending)  
Other Fund Sources: N/A  
Duration of Contract: 15 months  
Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority accepts the Proposal of Urban Engineers, Inc. to provide construction monitoring services for Contract No. WW-10-2008 Walt Whitman Bridge NJ Deck Truss Spans Deleading and Corrosion Protection, and that the proper officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate an Agreement with Urban Engineers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $968,305.92, 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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