SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.                  SUBJECT:  Project G-18-2008: Ben Franklin Bridge and Walt Whitman Bridge Structural Retrofits

COMMITTEE:                Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:   October 15, 2008

BOARD ACTION DATE:        November 19, 2008

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a construction contract with the firm of A.P. Construction to perform structural retrofits at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and the Walt Whitman Bridge.

Amount: $11,196,600.00

Contractor: A.P. Construction
915 S. Black Horse Pike
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Other Bidders: American Bridge Co. $12,850,000.00
Kiewit Construction Co. $13,067,000.00
IEW Construction Group $14,690,000.00

Engineers Estimate: $12,947,075

PURPOSE: To perform structural retrofits at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and the Walt Whitman Bridge.

BACKGROUND: Various structural retrofits have been recommended to be undertaken at the Benjamin Franklin and Walt Whitman bridges. The retrofits consist mainly of the installation of structural steel plates, angles, bolts and other components. Ancillary work will include mobilization & clean-up, furnishing of the engineer’s field offices, maintenance and protection of traffic, lead paint abatement (Walt Whitman Bridge only) and utility relocations as necessary to facilitate the installation of the retrofit measures.
The project was publicly advertised and five (5) firms expressed interest in the project by submitting Statements of Qualifications. All five (5) firms were provided with bid documents beginning on August 25, 2008 with a bid opening date of September 30, 2008. A total of four (4) bids were received. The low bid was submitted by A.P. Construction, Inc. in the amount of $11,196,600.00.

Staff has completed the evaluation of bids and recommends that the contract be awarded to A.P. Construction, Inc. in the amount of $11,196,600.00 as the lowest responsive bidder to perform the contract work.

**SUMMARY:**

- **Amount:** $11,196,600.00
- **Source of Funds:** 1999 Revenue Bonds/General Fund
- **Capital Project #:** AB0401
- **Operating Budget:** N/A
- **Master Plan Status:** 2007 Master Plan Update (Pending)
- **Other Fund Sources:** N/A
- **Duration of Contract:** Fifteen Months
- **Other Parties Involved:** N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority accepts the bid of $11,196,600.00 to perform structural retrofits at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and the Walt Whitman Bridge, and that the proper officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate a contract with A.P. Construction, Inc. for the required work in an amount not to exceed $11,196,600.00, as per the attached Summary Statement; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Chairman, Vice Chairman 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 Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and if thereafter either the Chairman or Vice Chairman 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 Chairman and Vice Chairman 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 documents on behalf of DRPA.

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