SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.:

SUBJECT: Contract No. BR-08-2008,
Emergency Generator Replacement at the
Betsy Ross Bridge Administration Building

COMMITTEE:
Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:
October 15, 2008

BOARD ACTION DATE:
November 19, 2008

PROPOSAL:
That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with the firm of
Esco Electrical Contractors and Engineers, LLC to replace the
emergency generators and secondary-voltage portion of the main
switchgear at the Betsy Ross Bridge Administration Building.

Amount: $547,747.00

Contractor: Esco Electrical Contractors
and Engineers, LLC
PO Box 4340
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Other Bidders:
Scalfo Electric, Inc. $591,000.00
Carr & Duff, Inc. $676,759.00

Engineer’s Estimate: $560,000.00

PURPOSE:
To ensure that reliable emergency power is available to serve the New
Jersey electrical loads at the Betsy Ross Bridge, including the toll plaza
and administration building.

BACKGROUND:
The existing emergency generators and main switchgear at the Betsy
Ross Bridge administration building are original equipment from the
construction of the bridge. Both the generators and the secondary-side
of the main switchgear, which transfers loads to generator power under
a loss of utility power, are at the end of their useful lives. Both have had
problems with reliability and are difficult to maintain due to parts
obsolescence.
The plans and specifications for this project were developed by Remington & Vernick Engineers under a General Engineering Contract Task Order.

The project was publicly advertised and bid documents were offered to the public beginning on August 21, 2008 with a bid opening date of September 23, 2008. Five (5) sets of documents were sold. A total of three (3) bids were received. The low bid was submitted by Esco Electrical Contractors and Engineers, LLC in the amount of $547,747.00.

Staff has completed the evaluation of bids and recommends that the contract be awarded to Esco Electrical Contractors and Engineers, LLC in the amount of $547,747.00 as the lowest responsive bidder to perform the contract work.

SUMMARY:  
Amount: $547,747.00  
Source of Funding: General Funds  
Operating Budget: N/A  
Capital Project #: BR0203  
Master Plan Status: 2005 Master Plan Update  
Other Fund Sources: N/A  
Duration of Contract: 4 Months  
Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority accepts the bid of Esco Electrical Contractors and Engineers, LLC to replace the emergency generators and secondary-voltage portion of the main switchgear at the Betsy Ross Bridge Administration Building, and that the proper officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate a contract with Esco Electrical Contractors and Engineers, LLC for the required work in an amount not to exceed $547,747.00, 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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