SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.                       SUBJECT: Design Services for the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Deck Truss Rehabilitation

COMMITTEE:                Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: November 19, 2008

BOARD ACTION DATE:       December 10, 2008

PROPOSAL:                  That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate an agreement with Weidlinger Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services required to design the deck truss rehabilitation for the approach spans at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge.

Amount:                    $ 873,895.52

Consultant:               WEIDLINGER ASSOCIATES, INC.
                          375 Hudson Street
                          New York, NY 10014

Other Consultants:        HNTB
                          DMJM + Harris
                          Ammann & Whitney
                          TranSystems
                          Modjeski and Masters

Engineers Estimate:       $ 857,350.00

PURPOSE:                   To provide engineering services to rehabilitate the approach spans of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge. The purpose is to address recommended maintenance items and preserve the structural integrity of the facility.

BACKGROUND:               The work to be completed under this agreement consists of design of structural repairs at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge including rehabilitation of bearings in the approach spans. Ancillary work will include gusset plate repairs, downspout replacement and utility relocations as necessary to facilitate the installation of the repairs. The work is consistent with the recommendations from the 2007 interim inspection report.

The Authority publicly advertised its intent to retain a consultant and invited interested firms to submit Statements of Qualifications. Six (6)
firms responded with Statements of Qualifications on June 18, 2008. All of the six (6) firms were deemed qualified and were sent a formal Request for Proposal. All six (6) firms responded with Proposals. A review committee of five (5) staff engineers evaluated the Proposals on the basis of Technical merit. Staff’s recommendations were submitted to the Consultant Selection Committee which reviewed the Staff’s recommendations. Based on the review of the Selection Committee, the Proposal submitted by Weidlinger Associates was deemed to be the most responsive to the project requirements.

In accordance with the Delaware River Port Authority’s standard selection procedure, which is qualification based, the Price Proposal submitted was evaluated against the Engineer’s Estimate. Based on this evaluation and subsequent, negotiation Weidlinger’s price was determined to be the fair and reasonable.

It is recommended that an engineering services agreement be negotiated with Weidlinger Associates for the costs and associated fees not to exceed $ 873,895.52 to provide engineering services in accordance with the Request for Proposal.

SUMMARY:  
Amount: $ 873,895.52  
Source of Funds: General Fund/Subject to Reimbursement by Future Bond Proceeds  
Capital Project #: N/A  
Operating Budget: N/A  
Master Plan Status: 2007 Master Plan Update (Pending)  
Other Fund Sources: N/A  
Duration of Contract: Twelve Months  
Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority accepts the Proposal of Weidlinger Associates to provide engineering services required to develop the most feasible and economical rehabilitation alternatives for structural repairs for the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and that the proper officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate an Agreement with Weidlinger Associates for an amount not to exceed $873,895.52, 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.

SUMMARY:

- Amount: $873,895.52
- Source of Funds: General Fund/Subject to Reimbursement by Future Bond Proceeds
- Capital Project #: N/A
- Operating Budget: N/A
- Master Plan Status: 2007 Master Plan Update (Pending)
- Other Fund Sources: N/A
- Duration of Contract: Twelve Months
- Other Parties Involved: N/A