SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.  SUBJECT: Contract No. WW-11-2009 Walt Whitman Bridge Replacement of Variable Message Signs Project

COMMITTEE: Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: November 18, 2009

BOARD ACTION DATE: December 9, 2009

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a construction contract with the firm of J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Incorporated to replace three existing electronic signs on the NJ approach to the Walt Whitman Bridge with variable message signs, including repairs to the existing sign structures. Communication and power system upgrades are also proposed on the New Jersey approach.

Amount: $1,547,030.00

Contractor: J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Incorporated
1219 Mays Landing Road
Folsom, NJ 08037

Other Bidders: Carr & Duff, Inc. $2,302,055.00
Miller Brothers $3,564,702.17

Engineer’s Estimate: $1,519,489.00

PURPOSE: To replace three existing electronic signs with variable message signs.

BACKGROUND: The NJ approach to the Walt Whitman Bridge is presently equipped with three electronic signs which alert westbound motorists of left lane closures. The existing signs and sign structures were installed between 1980 and 1992. The signs have experienced numerous maintenance problems over the years and it is difficult to purchase the necessary replacement parts to keep the signs in operation.

The functionality of the existing signs is very limited, enabling only a single message to be displayed. The signs are not equipped with remote activation features. Consequently, they can only be activated by an operator stationed at the Walt Whitman Bridge Administration Building. It is recommended to replace the existing signs with state of the art Variable Message Signs having remote programming capabilities. This would enable the signs to be controlled from the
Authority’s recently completed central dispatch location at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge. The ability to alter the display messages is expected to prove beneficial to alert motorists of changes in the traffic patterns during the upcoming deck reconstruction project and at other times.

The project was publicly advertised and bid documents were offered to the public beginning on October 13, 2009 with a bid opening date of November 3, 2009. Fourteen (14) sets of documents were sold. A total of three (3) bids were received. The lowest responsive bid was submitted by J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Incorporated in the amount of $1,547,030.00.

Staff has completed the evaluation of bids and recommends that the contract be awarded to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Incorporated in the amount of $1,547,030.00 as the lowest responsive bidder to perform the contract work.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority accepts the bid of $1,547,030.00 to perform the replacement of the Walt Whitman Bridge New Jersey approach variable message system, and that the proper officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate a contract with J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Incorporated for the required work in an amount not to exceed $1,547,030.00, 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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