SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.    SUBJECT: Contract No. BF-31-2010, Benjamin Franklin Bridge Structural Improvements

COMMITTEE: Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: October 20, 2010

BOARD ACTION DATE: November 17, 2010

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a construction contract with the firm of Cornell & Company, Inc., to perform structural improvements to the suspender ropes and main cables for the purpose of increased security.

Amount: $10,655,610.00

Contractor: Cornell & Company, Inc.
226 Cornell Lane
Westville, NJ 08093

Other Bidders: American Bridge Company $10,685,910.00
               V. Structural, LLC.     $10,883,362.59
               IEW                   $11,260,510.00
               AP Construction       $12,324,310.00
               Skanska Koch          $12,786,910.00

Engineers Estimate: $12,847,362.00

PURPOSE: To perform structural improvements of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge suspender ropes and main cables.

BACKGROUND: Various structural improvements have been recommended to be undertaken at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge for improved security. The structural improvements consist of installing casings at the suspender ropes and steel plates at the main cables.

The Authority publicly advertised and issued a notice to contractors requesting Statements of Qualifications. Thirteen (13) Contractors responded with Statements of Qualifications on April 15, 2010. A review committee of four (4) Staff Engineers evaluated the Statements of Contractor Qualifications on the basis of their experience and ability to perform work on this contract. Twelve (12) firms were deemed
qualified. Bid documents were offered to the qualified Contractors beginning July 19, 2010, with a bid opening date of September 28, 2010. Twelve (12) sets of documents were sold. A total number of six (6) bids were received. The lowest responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Cornell & Company, Inc. in the amount of $10,655,610.00.

Staff has completed the evaluation of bids and recommends that the contract be awarded to Cornell & Company, Inc., in the amount of $10,655,610.00 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to perform the contract work.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $10,655,610.00
Source of Funds: 2010 Revenue Bonds (Series D)
Capital Project #: BF1004
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: 2009 FEMA Transit Security Grant ($2,011,062.00)
2008 FEMA Transit Security Grant ($3,500,000.00) (pending final execution of PEMA/DRPA Contract)
Duration of Contract: 420 Calendar Days
Other Parties Involved: N/A
Estimated Number of Jobs Supported: 320
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority accepts the bid of $10,655,610.00 to perform work on Contract No. BF-31-2010, and that the proper officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate a contract with Cornell & Company, Inc. for the required work in an amount not to exceed $10,655,610.00 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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