SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-12-050  SUBJECT: Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Consulting Services

COMMITTEE: Finance Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: April 18, 2012

BOARD ACTION DATE: May 16, 2012

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with Grant Thornton (formerly LECG/SMART), for an amount not to exceed $884,070.00 for ERP consulting services.

Amount: $884,070.00

Contractor: Grant Thornton (formerly LECG/SMART, LLP)
2001 Market Street, Suite 31
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Other Bidders: Clinton Rubin $975,744.00
North Highland $3,450,720.00

PURPOSE: To provide the Authority with consulting services to aid the DRPA in the development of recommendations for an integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution to be used by the DRPA and PATCO, either by adapting the Banner system or procuring a new system, and support services throughout the implementation of the ERP solution.

BACKGROUND: The DRPA and its subsidiary PATCO are currently utilizing two completely separate systems for their financial management, procurement, human resources, payroll administration and other administrative business needs. The DRPA has been using SCT’s Banner application for approximately 17 years. PATCO has been using a Unisys system for approximately 35 years. Both organizations support processes that are only applicable to their particular systems. There is no interoperability and no consolidation of information between the two systems. All work is separate and supported by merged, but redundant personnel. DRPA seeks to implement an
integrated system that can be used at both DRPA and PATCO. This is the initial phase of multi-year project that will involve the evaluation of the current Banner application and whether or not it can be implemented at PATCO.

Subsequent phases could potentially include software procurement and system integrations services. Additionally, this project will require a significant resource commitment from the DRPA. Because of the extent of this commitment, the DRPA will be creating two positions to assist in the mitigation as well as provide management oversight of the entire project. These positions will exist for the term of the project, approximately three to four years. Upon completion of the project the positions will be eliminated. In the end, the DRPA expects to have a system that will support the requirements of both organizations.

Staff recommends that the contract be awarded to Grant Thornton for $884,070.00.

**SUMMARY:**

- **Amount:** $884,070.00
- **Source of Funds:** 2010 Revenue Bonds (Series D)
- **Capital Project #:** TE0702
- **Operating Budget:** N/A
- **Master Plan Status:** N/A
- **Other Fund Sources:** N/A
- **Duration of Contract:** N/A
- **Other Parties Involved:** N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with Grant Thornton for an amount not to exceed $884,070.00 for ERP consulting services.

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 documents on behalf of DRPA.

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