SUMMARY STATEMENT


COMMITTEE: New Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: November 7, 2012

BOARD ACTION DATE: November 21, 2012

PROPOSAL: That the DRPA Commission authorizes the appropriate officers of the Delaware River Port Authority to enter into an agreement with Schneider Electric Buildings America, Inc. to install Infrared cameras in low light areas of the PATCO transit line for homeland security purposes. This contract represents an approved 2008 Transit Security Grant Project for the DRPA. The grant covers $1,000,000 of the costs of the project and allows DRPA to supply the match through in-kind labor. This project allows for greater visibility in vulnerable areas in the PATCO tunnel system.

PURPOSE: To authorize the appropriate officers of the Delaware River Port Authority to enter into an agreement with Schneider Electric to install Infrared cameras in low light areas of the PATCO transit line for homeland security purposes. This contract represents an approved 2008 federal Department of Homeland Security Transit Security Grant Project for the DRPA to enhance greater visibility in vulnerable areas in the PATCO tunnel system and augment existing security systems.

BACKGROUND: The Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) provides grant funding to the nation’s key high-threat urban areas to enhance security measures for their critical transit infrastructure including bus, ferry and rail systems. It is one of six grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) transportation infrastructure security activities. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to help strengthen the nation’s critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. The TSGP is an important component of the department’s effort to enhance the security of the Nation’s critical infrastructure. The program provides funds to owners
and operators of transit systems (which include intra-city bus, commuter bus, and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. The Philadelphia Region encompasses Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and a portion of Delaware. The Philadelphia Region is considered a Tier I region, that is it receives the highest priority for these federal grants. The Philadelphia Area Regional Transit Security Working Group (PARTSWG) is comprised of representatives of DRPA/PATCO, SEPTA, Delaware Transit Corporation, (DTC) and NJT. The DRPA has been the chair of the working group since its inception in 2005 and has been applying for all regional projects and forwarding purchase orders to PEMA on behalf of the region. On July 15, 2009, in DRPA-09-048, the Board approved the DRPA as the primary purchasing agent and overseer for this regional collaboration.

The 2008 TSGP offered infrastructure hardening as a capital grant. Through DRPA/PATCO security reviews, both internal and external, a critical need exists for low light or infrared cameras in key areas of the tunneled portion of PATCO. This project is posted on the DRPA Capital Project list as PD-0902. This component of the grant allows for the purchase and installation of cameras with this capability in order to allow for enhanced visibility and situational awareness in these areas.

Because there is a match requirement, even though it is anticipated to be covered by in-kind services in the normal course of duty for this invaluable capability, staff is asking the Board to authorize the appropriate officers of the Delaware River Port Authority to also assume the match requirement which will allow the contractor to install these critical components of the overall homeland security protection system.

**SUMMARY:**
- **Amount:** $1,000,000 grant funded and $333,333 of in-kind services.
- **Source of Funds:** TSGP Grant, General
- **Capital Project #:** N/A
- **Master Plan Status:** N/A
- **Other Fund Sources:** N/A
- **Duration of Contract:** 5/01/2012 or as extended
- **Other Parties Involved:** PEMA, FEMA
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the appropriate officers of the Delaware River Port Authority be and hereby are authorized to enter into an agreement with Schneider Electric Buildings America, Inc. to install Infrared Cameras in low light areas of the PATCO transit line for homeland security purposes. This contract represents an approved 2008 federal Department of Homeland Security Transit Security Grant Project for the DRPA to enhance greater visibility in vulnerable areas in the PATCO tunnel system and augment existing security systems.

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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