SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-14-112  
SUBJECT: PARTSWG Transit Contract Intelligence Analysts, Phase III

COMMITTEE: Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: September 3, 2014

BOARD ACTION DATE: September 18, 2014

PROPOSAL: That the DRPA Commission authorizes staff to enter into an agreement not to exceed $958,000 with CRA Inc., a GSA vendor, to provide contract, transit related, homeland security, intelligence analytical services on behalf of the Philadelphia Area Regional Transit Security Working Group agencies utilizing FY 2014 federal transit security grant funding.

PURPOSE: To enter into an agreement with CRA Inc. on behalf of the Philadelphia Area Regional Transit Security Working Group to provide real-time intelligence services with regard to transit tips, crime data, and homeland security incidents. FY 2014 DHS Transit Security Grant Program funding is providing the full amount of the contract cost.

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 recipient representatives of DRPA/PATCO, SEPTA, DART, 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. PARSTWG votes to share projects as a regional effort. This status as a regional project often allows DRPA/PATCO to receive aid in the area which it would not have qualified for alone. Additionally, since the DRPA is administering these regional projects, the agency is eligible for the Management and Administration portion of these grants.

This project sustains the “transit desk” or “transit bureau” at the Delaware Valley Intelligence Center “DVIC” by providing the necessary trained intelligence analysts as staff for transit related intelligence activities. The desk reports significant and relevant findings to the prescribed representatives from the signatories of the PARTSWG Regional Cooperative Agreement; to other “fusion centers” such as the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC), the New Jersey Regional Operations Intelligence Center (NJ ROIC); as well as the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). The Transit Bureau creates a new sector specific capability in order to analyze data, review trends and incidents, and process and distribute this raw intelligence into usable, actionable, and legal reports used to detect, deter, and prevent homeland terroristic acts on the region’s transit rail lines, buses, and trolleys. The City of Philadelphia (Philadelphia Police Department) is the project manager for this project and will have routine and daily control of the contractor’s employees in support of their mission.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $958,000 (100% grant funded)
Source of Funds: FY 2014 TSGP Grant
Capital Project#: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: N/A
Duration of Contract: 08/31/2016
Other Parties Involved: City of Philadelphia, FEMA, TSA, DHS, PARTSWG
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the DRPA Commission authorizes staff to enter into an agreement not-to-exceed $958,000 with a CRA Associates, a GSA vendor to provide contract, transit related, homeland security, intelligence analytical services on behalf of the Philadelphia Regional Transit Security Working Group agencies who are signatories to the PARTSWG Regional Cooperative Agreement using FY 2014 federal transit security grant proceeds.

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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