SUMMARY STATEMENT


COMMITTEE: Finance Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: July 1, 2015

BOARD ACTION DATE: July 15, 2015

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with Carahsoft Technology Corp., for an amount not to exceed $441,423.56 for the procurement of hardware to build the Authority’s wide area network (WAN) infrastructure. This purchase is provided with pricing under GSA Schedule No. GS-35F-0119Y.

PURPOSE: To provide the Authority with the necessary hardware to build a wide area network (WAN).

BACKGROUND: For the past 12 years, the Authority has been utilizing the services of Verizon to provide the Authority with connectivity between the bridges, PATCO and One Port Center. While the provided service has met the needs, it is limited in its capabilities without a significant increase in the expense.

Over the past couple of years we have been working with PennDOT on Board-approved video sharing project. In addition to the sharing of applicable video between the agencies, the agreement also provides for PennDOT to dedicate a number of fiber strands at each of the bridge facilities for sole DRPA use. By interconnecting the four bridges and completing some additional fiber pathways to the Ben Franklin Bridge from One Port Center, the DRPA will be in a position to light up its own fiber wide area network. The advantages to this are paramount. Among them are:

1) An annual cost savings of approximately $340,000.
2) Significant increase in bandwidth which will provide greater improvement in throughput for all applications and data sharing among the facilities, including video, email, and internet.
3) A start-of-art design providing greater security and encryption of DRPA data.
4) The capacity for future growth.
5) The ability to replicate data between OPC and the Commodore Barry backup data center.

This contract will provide the Authority with the necessary equipment to utilize this fiber and provide the connectivity between all DRPA facilities.

Staff therefore recommends negotiating a contract with Carahsoft Technology Corp., for an amount not to exceed $441,423.56 for the procurement of hardware to build the Authority’s wide area network (WAN) infrastructure.

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RESOLUTION

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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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