SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-19-139

SUBJECT: PARTSWG Regional Public Security Awareness Project, Phase VIII

COMMITTEE: Operations and Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: November 26, 2019

BOARD ACTION DATE: December 11, 2019

PROPOSAL: That the DRPA Board of Commissioners authorizes staff to enter into an agreement with the successful vendor, in accordance with DRPA’s standard RFP procurement process, for an amount not to exceed $1,200,000, to complete Phase VIII of the Regional Transit Public Security Awareness (PSA) project on behalf of the Philadelphia Area Regional Transit Security Working Group (PARTSWG). Funding for this project will utilize FY 2019 DHS Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) funding, and is 100% reimbursable under the Transit Security Grant Program award.

PURPOSE: To enter into an agreement with a successful vendor selected using DRPA’s Request for Proposal (RFP) procedures to plan, develop, and execute the Regional Public Security Awareness Project, (PSA) Phase VIII, for an amount not to exceed $1,200,000, on behalf of the Philadelphia Area Regional Transit Security Working Group. The awarded funding for this project is 100% reimbursable from the FY 2019 DHS Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) grant award.

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, NJT, and DART. The DRPA has served as chair of the working group since its inception in 2005. This status allows DRPA to not only receive M&A funds to offset the cost of managing the grant, but also allows DRPA/PATCO to receive aid in areas it would not qualify for alone.

**SUMMARY:***

- **Amount:** $1,200,000 (100% grant funded)
- **Source of Funds:** FY 2019 TSGP Grant
- **Capital Project #:** N/A
- **Operating Budget:** N/A
- **Master Plan Status:** N/A
- **Other Fund Sources:** N/A
- **Duration of Contract:** August 31, 2022
- **Other Parties Involved:** DRPA, PARTSWG, DHS, FEMA, TSA
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority be and hereby are authorized to enter into an agreement with the successful vendor from DRPA’s standard agency procurement RFP process, for an amount not to exceed $1,200,000, to complete Phase VIII of the Regional Transit Public Security Awareness project (PSA) on behalf of the Philadelphia Area Regional Transit Security Working Group (PARTSWG). Funding for this project is 100% reimbursable from a FY2019 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) grant award.

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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