SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.              SUBJECT: Request for Bid: 09-0010
                          PATCO Electronic Rail Welding

COMMITTEE:                Operations and Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:  July 15, 2009

BOARD ACTION DATE:       August 19, 2009

PROPOSAL:                That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate a contract with Ribbonweld LLC for the electronic flash butt welding of rail sections. A grant from the Federal Transit Administration will fund 80% of the project cost.

Amount:                  $204,820.00

Contractor:              Ribbonweld LLC
                          Manteno, IL

Other Bidders:           Holland LP
                          Crete, IL  $208,740.00
                          Progress Rail
                          Albertville, AL  $219,150.00
                          Railroad Construction Company
                          Paulsboro, NJ  $232,320.00
                          Delta Railroad
                          Ashtabula, OH  $242,320.00

Engineer’s Estimate:     $198,700

PURPOSE:                 The work includes the production of 480 flash butt welds on new head-hardened rail sections to form continuous welded rail strings, for future replacement on mainline and yard tracks.

BACKGROUND:             PATCO’s mainline track bed is designed for continuous welded rail. Off-track welds are more cost effective than in-track field welds, provide a better quality rail weld, significantly reduce track outage requirements, and minimize field welds in undesirable tunnel environments. This work involves flash butt welding of rail sections previously purchased with FTA funds in the Lindenwold yard.
The project was publicly advertised and bid documents were offered to the public beginning on June 9, 2009 with a bid opening date of June 23, 2009. Six (6) sets of contract documents were issued. A total of five (5) bids were received. The low bid was submitted by Ribbonweld LLC in the amount of $204,820.00.

Staff has completed the evaluation of bids and recommends that the contract be awarded to Ribbonweld LLC in the amount of $204,820.00 as the lowest responsive bidder to perform the contract work.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $204,820.00
Source of Funds: General Fund/Subject to Reimbursement by Future Bond Proceeds (20%)

Capital Project #: PF9602
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: 1996
Other Fund Sources: 80% FTA Funds
Estimated Duration of Contract: 30 Days
Other Parties Involved: Federal Transit Administration
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority accepts the bid of Ribbonweld LLC for the electronic flash butt welding of rail sections for PATCO, and that the proper officers of the Authority be and hereby are authorized to negotiate a contract with Ribbonweld LLC for the required work in an amount not to exceed $204,820.00, as per the attached Summary Statement; and be it further

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.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $204,820.00
Source of Funds: General Fund/Subject to Reimbursement by Future Bond Proceeds (20%)
Capital Project #: PF9602
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: 1996
Other Fund Sources: 80% FTA Funds
Estimated Duration of Contract: 30 Days
Other Parties Involved: Federal Transit Administration