SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.  PATCO-20-008
SUBJECT: On-Call Tree Trimming and Pruning Services along the PATCO Line
COMMITTEE: Operations and Maintenance
COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: April 7, 2020
BOARD ACTION DATE: April 15, 2020

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate two (2), 2-year General Services Contracts with the firms of Rich’s Tree Service, LLC and Tuff Greens, Inc., for an on-call service contract for transmission line trimming along the PATCO right of way (ROW).

Both firms shall be advised, in writing, that no firm will be guaranteed any portion of the $800,000.00 over the two-year term. For example, if no transmission line trimming is needed by PATCO in the first year of the contract, then no monies will be expended and the $800,000.00 allocation will be available for use in year two, as needed.

The n-t-e $800,000.00 contract value is based on an average yearly estimate (based on need and any unforeseen conditions) averaging approximately $400,000 per year for services. For budgetary purposes, we intend that these funds will be budgeted in the amount of $400,000.00 per year over the 2-year contract term. If all budgeted funds are not expended in any given year, the unexpended funds will be moved to the following budget year. Conversely, if more than $800,000.00 is needed in the first contract year, the additional monies required for transmission line trimming will be deducted from the remaining total contract amount and thus the allocations for year 2 and will be adjusted accordingly.

Amount: $800,000.00 (Not-to-exceed)

Firm: Rich’s Tree Service
325 Bergen Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Tuff Greens
461 Route 10 East
Ledgewood, NJ 07852
PURPOSE: To retain firms for transmission line trimming along PATCO ROW on an as-needed basis in support of PATCO’s operations.

BACKGROUND: The Transmission Line Trimming would be procured utilizing New Jersey State Contract Blanket PO 18-DPP. Contract terms end on December 31, 2021. The work is required along the PATCO line, from PATCO Center Tower (Milepost 4.00) to West Linden Interlocking (Milepost 14.00). These on-call services would maintain the trees and vegetation to ensure the proper removal and minimal growth of trees which could fall into the track area and keep the vegetation away from the power and communication cables along the PATCO Track ROW.

Staff has reviewed and evaluated the proposals and determined them to be fair and reasonable.

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Source of Funds: General Fund  
Capital Project #: PTD.31722  
Master Plan Status: N/A  
Other Fund Sources: N/A  
Duration of Contract: 2 Years  
Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of DRPA authorizes staff to negotiate two (2) General Services Contracts for a term of two (2) years with Rich’s Tree Service and Tuff Greens, Inc. for on-call transmission line trimming services in an amount not to exceed $800,000.00 per the attached Summary Statement; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer must approve and are hereby authorized to approve and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, or other documents on behalf of 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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