The Special Meeting of the Board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority was held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 3:00 PM, in the Board Room of the Authority, with the Chairman in the Chair.

Present

Attending the meeting were the following Board Members:

Pasquale T. Deon, Sr., Chairman
Thomas E. Babcock, Vice Chairman
Beverly Coleman
Robert D. Fox, Esquire
Honorable Stewart J. Greenleaf (via telephone)
Kevin L. Johnson, P.E.
Kenneth Lawrence
William J. Leonard, Esquire (via telephone)
Honorable Charles H. Martin
William M. McSwain, Esquire (via telephone)
Clarena I.W. Tolson
Honorable Michael A. Vereb (via telephone)

Present from the staff:

Jeffrey D. Knueppel, General Manager
Richard G. Burnfield, Deputy General Manager/Treasurer
Gino J. Benedetti, Esquire, General Counsel
Stephen A. Jobs, Controller
Carol R. Looby, Secretary
Kim Scott Heinle, AGM, Customer Service
Ronald G. Hopkins, AGM, Operations
Francis E. Kelly, AGM, Government & Public Affairs
Robert E. Lund, AGM, Engineering, Maintenance & Construction
Susan VanBuren, AGM, Human Resources
Marie Chua, Senior Director, Business Services

Mr. Deon called the Special Meeting of the Board to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Mr. Deon announced that Senator Greenleaf, William Leonard, William McSwain and Representative Vereb would be participating by telephone. Mr. Leonard and Mr. McSwain confirmed their participation.
Mr. Deon stated that the Board met in Executive Session just prior to the meeting to discuss legal matters. He Deon stated that if there were speakers who wished to address agenda items they would be called before the Board voted on the item and asked that they limit their remarks to two minutes.

Senator Greenleaf and Representative Vereb joined the meeting at 3:02 PM.

Mr. Deon then asked Marie Chua to present the following Resolution,

I. Consultant Contract Amendment

1. To McCormick Taylor, Inc., Amendment No. 1, which provides for additional general engineering consulting services, at an increase in cost not to exceed $2,000,000, bringing the total contract price to an amount not to exceed $7,000,000.

Ms. Chua stated that the contract with McCormick Taylor, Inc., was one of eight awarded in 2014 that provides architectural, design and construction related services for the Authority's Rail and Bus Infrastructure and Related Mass Transit Projects. She noted that prior amendments have increased the value of the other GEC awardees under their respective contracts.

Ms. Chua stated that as of December 12, 2016, actual and pending project costs have reached $3,378,776 or 67 percent for McCormick Taylor, Inc. She added that an increase of $2,000,000 to the existing contract was recommended based on anticipated usage that was critical to advancing SEPTA's Building the Future Capital Program Initiatives, notably, Noble Station and Parking Garage Conceptual Study, Conshohocken Station Preliminary Design Analysis and Frankford Elevated Haunch Repair - Phase 2. Ms. Chua noted that SEPTA continued to be awarded discretionary competitive capital grants and explores innovative funding initiatives including the EB-5 Program.

Ms. Chua stated that the previously established contract duration of three years and contract rates, as well as all other terms and conditions would remain the same.

Chairman Deon then called for speakers wishing to address the above agenda item. There was no response.

Chairman Deon then entertained a Motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Babcock moved, Ms. Coleman seconded, and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted.

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AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONSULTANT AMENDMENT  

"WHEREAS, additional work is required to complete the project identified below; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the additional work and the General Manager recommended that the Board authorize SEPTA to enter into the amendment for the additional work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes SEPTA to award and the General Manager or his designee to execute the consultant amendment identified below in form approved by the Office of General Counsel, subject to the concurrence of the funding agencies, if required, and to any applicable Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements:

1. To McCormick Taylor, Inc., for Amendment No. 1, which provides for additional general engineering consulting services, at an increase in cost not to exceed $2,000,000, bringing the total contract price, including this amendment, to an amount not to exceed $7,000,000."

Mr. Deon then asked Marie Chua to also present the next Resolution,

II. Authorization to Award Contracts for Various Procurements

1. To C. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc., for general construction services, for a total contract amount not to exceed $18,936,000; to Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc., for electrical construction services, for a total contract amount not to exceed $2,359,585; and to Dolan Mechanical, Inc., for mechanical construction services, for a total contract amount not to exceed $6,589,000, to provide all labor, materials, tools and equipment for the Frazer Shop and Yard Expansion Project - Contract 2.

Ms. Chua stated that this project involved upgrading the Frazer Maintenance Facility to accommodate inspection and repair of SEPTA's expanding electric locomotive and push-pull fleet including new bi-level rail cars. She said that the delivery of new ACS-64 electric locomotives was expected to start in early 2018.

Ms. Chua stated that the first was a general construction contract for $18,936,000 to C. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. She mentioned that a portion of the solicitation was rebid with a revised specification, clarifying the staging of work between Contract 1 and 2. Of the three bids received, their price was the lowest and 9 percent less than our reconciled cost estimate and that they plan to meet the 10 percent DBE goal.
Ms. Chua said the next contract was an electrical construction contract for $2,359,585 to Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc. She noted that their price was the lowest of three bids and about 26 percent less than SEPTA’s reconciled estimate. She added that they intend to comply with the 16 percent DBE goal.

Ms. Chua then stated that the third contract was for mechanical construction to Dolan Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of $6,589,000. She reported that five bids were received and the apparent low bidder, Guy M. Cooper, Inc., requested to withdraw their bid due to an unintentional mathematical error. Ms. Chua stated that SEPTA verified the error and allowed the withdrawal. She noted that Dolan’s price was the lowest and 8.5 percent less than SEPTA’s independent estimate and that they expect to fulfill the 7 percent DBE goal.

Chairman Deon then called for speakers wishing to address the above agenda item. There was no response.

Chairman Deon then entertained a Motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Babcock moved, Ms. Tolson seconded, and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, with Mr. Kubik abstaining on Item II.1. Chairman Deon mentioned that Senator Greenleaf and Representative Vereb were participating via telephone and they confirmed their presence.

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS PROCUREMENTS**

"WHEREAS, SEPTA advertised and invited bids for the supplies identified below; and

WHEREAS, the firms listed below were the lowest responsive and responsible bidders to the invitation for bids; and

WHEREAS, staff requested that the General Manager recommend that the Board authorize SEPTA to award the contracts identified below; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager made the recommendation to the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes SEPTA to award and for the General Manager or his designee to execute the contracts identified below in form approved by the Office of General Counsel, subject to and contingent upon the concurrence of the funding agencies, if required, and contingent upon and subject to the vendors satisfactorily meeting all requirements of the bid terms and specifications, including full compliance with any applicable Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements:"
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1. To C. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc., for general construction services, for a total contract amount not to exceed $18,936,000; to Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors, Inc., for electrical construction services, for a total contract amount not to exceed $2,359,585; and to Dolan Mechanical, Inc., for mechanical construction services, for a total contract amount not to exceed $6,589,000, to provide all labor, materials, tools and equipment for the Frazer Shop and Yard Expansion Project-Contract 2, with services to be performed over a period of 515 calendar days after issuance of Notice-to-Proceed, as described in the staff summary on this subject, Sealed Bid No. 16-00249-AMJP - Frazer Shop and Yard Expansion - Contract 2."

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this Special Meeting, it was moved by Mr. Kubik, seconded by Mr. Babcock and unanimously adopted that the meeting be adjourned at 3:04 PM.

A transcript of this meeting was made by an official court reporter and is made a part of the original Minutes.

Carol R. Looby
Secretary