

## Minutes

### RTA Organizational, Services and Performance Monitoring Committee Meeting

9:01 a.m., September 12, 2023

**Committee Members:** Moss (Vice Chair), Sleasman, Weiss, Welch

**Other Board Members:** Joyce, Koomar, Lucas, Mersmann

**Not present:** Biasiotta

**Staff/Other:** Bailey, Becker, Birdsong Terry, Caver, Dangelo, Davidson, Ferraro, Fields, Fleig, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Hale, Hlavacs, Jenkins, Jupina, Kirkland, Marquit Renwald, Miller, Peganoff, Shaffer, Sulik, Talley, Walker Minor, Woodford

**Public:** Gibbons, Loh

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Four (4) committee members were present.

#### Negotiated Procurement for Track Geometry Testing

Aaron Hale, Supervisor, Track & Structures and Shawn Becker, Program Contract Manager gave the presentation. This test is performed annually. Two operators ride the track geometry vehicle during testing. GCRTA has approximately 60 miles of track. Testing has been performed since 2007. It takes 1.5 weeks to test the entire system. The testing is used to identify deviations from the GCRTA Inspections & Maintenance Manual. It helps with proactive maintenance to prevent accidents and delays. It also helps us make data-driven decisions by analyzing the data to see where to focus maintenance efforts. This is an automated vehicle-based inspection. It uses 3,000 lbs. of lateral and vertical force. The testing includes track gauge, alignment, profile, cross-level and curvature. The contract will be for a period of five (5) years.

#### *Procurement Overview*

This is a sole source contract with Holland L.P. per Ohio Revised Code 306.43 H(2) which states that competitive procedures are not required when the purchase consists of goods or services, or any combination thereof, and after reasonable inquiry the board or any officer or employee the board designates finds that only one source of supply is reasonably available. There are other vendors that provide track geometry. However, this vendor can provide the 3,000 lbs. vertical / 3,000 lbs. lateral loaded gauge measurement on this track. This is crucial because it simulates the actual train load moving down the track during testing. No other vendor has this capability.

Procurement requested a proposal on August 21, 2023. A proposal was received on August 24, 2023. A 0% DBE goal was assigned to this project. The proposal was reviewed by representatives from the Power & Way and Procurement Departments.

#### *Firm's Experience*

- Over 900 employees operating across 36 countries
- Over 25 years of geometry testing expertise
- Leader in progressive & comprehensive rail solutions for over 85 years
- Premier provider of track geometry measurement & track maintenance in North America

- Measure according to FRA 49 CFR 213 Track Safety Standards
- Custom track geometry channels and defect configurations
- Extensive experience serving Class 1, Short Line and Transit rail systems
- Technical services team with 24-hour support

*Firm's Transit Experience*

- GCRTA, Bay Area Rapid Transit, Brightline, BNSF Railway, Canadian National Railroad, Chicago Transit Authority, Conrail, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Denver Transit, Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, and Watco Companies, among many others.

**5 Year Contract Amounts**

Year	Amount
2023	\$78,000
2024	\$81,500
2025	\$84,400
2026	\$87,000
2027	\$89,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$420,500</b>

There has been a 3% increase in price each year.

Staff requests that the Organizational, Services and Performance Monitoring Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees the award for Track Geometry Testing services to Holland L.P. in a negotiated contract amount not to exceed \$420,500.00 for a period of five years.

Mayor Weiss asked if this testing determines what tracks we rehabilitate and replace. Mr. Hale said this testing is performed at the end of the year to be proactive in planning the following year. It identifies deficiencies in the track that can be tied to track projects. Mr. Becker added that this testing gives them the data they may not see from a visual inspection. Mr. Sleasman asked what happened prior to 2007. Mr. Hale said no information is available about track geometry prior to 2007, but visual and manual inspections were conducted.

It was moved by Mayor Weiss, seconded by Mr. Sleasman and approved to move this to the full Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

  
Rajan D. Gautam  
Secretary/Treasurer

  
Theresa A. Burrage  
Executive Assistant