

Item 23-1254: Approve Contract with SRF Consulting for Professional Services
Item 23-1255: Authorize PO to Smart Spaces for Audio Visual Equipment

Fox Cities Transit Commission
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George Dearborn (Chairman) 02:37

Okay, the next item is approval of—let's see, approval of contract with SRF consulting for professional services. I need a motion to approve please. Second. All right. Ron, if you could explain that please?

General Manager Ron McDonald (Valley Transit) 02:57

Thank you chair. So, what's before you is a request to author—authorized a purchase with—purchase order with SRF consulting, to assist us with the development and then submission of our RAISE grant. As you're aware, we did not—we were not successful for the res grant the last time around. We intend to resubmit. We're anticipating a notice to open it up for applications right around sometime in November. And they're anticipating making awards in June of 2024.

General Manager Ron McDonald (Valley Transit) 03:31

This is a very extensive grant, and with the benefit cost analysis and various other items, we do need some assistance in getting this grant submitted. We went to SRF because SRF has been involved in much of our planning work recently, is worked as part of that project and the consultant team and also assisted with the last grant submittal. So, it made sense for us to get a proposal from SRF, and we just—we'd like to sole source this to SRF. And quite frankly, to get another consultant up to speed it would cost us far more than we could ever recoup to for negative cost benefit to go elsewhere. So, I would ask for authorization for a sole source procurement purchase order to SRF consulting for \$21,512 plus a contingency of \$2,151 or a total of \$23,663.

George Dearborn (Chairman) 04:31

Any questions on this? If not, we have motion and second to approve. All those in favor please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Thanks. Motion carries.

George Dearborn (Chairman) 04:44

Next item is authorization of a purchase order for smart spaces for audio visual equipment. I need a motion to approve please. Second? Motion and a second. So, Ron, if you could explain this.

General Manager Ron McDonald (Valley Transit) 05:01

Thank you, chair. So, this is a authorization to purchase AV equipment as part of our Wittman renovation project. We have a couple of quotes in front of you for like equipment. The one we are recommending is from Smart space is at \$118,701.88 plus 10% contingency of \$11,870 or not to exceed 100—\$130,571. They were the low quote. Interestingly enough, the other quote that we received from ASI I believe it was—AVI, their equipment was \$500 less but their integration installation labor was significantly more money. So even though the equipment cost \$500 more with Smart Spaces, the installation, all the labor, was like I say over \$20,000 difference. So that's why we selected the system with smart spaces. So, I'd ask for your authorization to enter into a purchase order.

George Dearborn (Chairman) 06:14

Any questions on this? Yeah.

Unknown Transit Commissioner 06:18

Did they give you a reason why it was such a big difference in installation?

General Manager Ron McDonald (Valley Transit) 06:22

You know, I didn't. But ironically, AVI system is part of the state procurement. So, they went out through the state of Wisconsin and, I guess, everybody else. And their equipment came in less but I think they were planning on making it up on the installation side whereas Smart Spaces just said, "Here's the package."

Unknown Transit Commissioner 06:41

Thanks.

George Dearborn (Chairman) 06:45

Anyone else? If not, all those in favor please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries thank you.