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Agenda item # 20

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 23, 2021

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Hynes, **Seconded By:** Mr. Johnsen

Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Authority to Award Surveying Services for Delineation of Right of Way for the Buckingham Branch Rail Corridor between Clifton Forge, VA and Doswell, VA

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-209 of the Code grants the Commonwealth Transportation Board (“CTB”) the power and duty to let all contracts to be administered by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (“DRPT”) for all activities related to passenger and freight rail in excess of \$5M; and

WHEREAS, DRPT has entered into an agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) to acquire rail track and Right of Way (“ROW”) and desires to obtain surveying services for the ROW delineation including the Buckingham Branch Corridor; and

WHEREAS, DRPT issued a solicitation for surveying services for the ROW for the Buckingham Branch rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, DRPT desires to award a contract to Rice Associates, Inc. with a term beginning the date of the award and ending at the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the desired contract will procure services of a consultant capable of rendering a comprehensive surveying oversight related to the ROW delineation for the Buckingham Branch rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, the desired contract includes detail to establish land surveying and mapping from a contractor with specific experience in performing property boundary surveys and rail profile surveys for property located in a corridor with active freight and passenger rail; and

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WHEREAS, DRPT will assign this contract to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (“VPRA”) once it is mobilized;

WHEREAS, DRPT recommends that the CTB approve DRPT to complete its procurement for the ROW delineation of the Buckingham Branch Rail Corridor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes DRPT to complete its procurement on behalf of the Authority and award a resulting contract for the ROW delineation for the Buckingham Branch rail corridor.

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CTB Decision Brief

Authorization to Award Surveying Services for Delineation of Right Of Way for the Buckingham Branch Rail Corridor between Clifton Forge, VA and Doswell, VA **June 23, 2021**

Issue: DRPT has been conducting a procurement for surveying services to support the delineation of Right Of Way (ROW) for the Buckingham Branch rail corridor. DRPT seeks approval to award a contract greater than \$5M. The contract will be assigned to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (“VPRA”) once it is mobilized.

Facts: In December of 2019 the Governor and Secretary Valentine announced an agreement with CSXT to purchase track and ROW, including 164 miles of existing CSXT ROW and 179 miles of existing railroad track on the Buckingham Branch rail corridor from Clifton Forge, VA to Doswell, VA, and that agreement was finalized April 14, 2021. In 2020 the CTB allocated funds for projects to be administered by DRPT including additional passenger rail expansion through the Commonwealth.

To complete the acquisition from CSXT, surveys of the Buckingham Branch rail corridor are required to field verify and accurately depict property boundary lines for the corridor. The survey work will take years to complete. The Project includes the field verification and documentation of the existing Buckingham Branch rail corridor ROW and railroad tracks, the definition of the railroad ROW that will be purchased from CSXT, the preparation of ROW strip maps, and preparation of related documents in support of the above referenced agreement between the Commonwealth and CSXT.

The RFP for this work was prepared and procurement conducted between February 2020 and June 2021. In response to the RFP, there were eight respondents. This procurement covers surveying services estimated at a cost of \$6,246,653.77. Although this is a procurement greater than \$5,000,000, it does not trigger High Risk Review pursuant to Va Code § 2.2-4303.01 because it is not being procured by two or more state bodies, the term and renewals are not greater than 5 years, and DRPT has procured similar services within the last 5 years.

Recommendation: DRPT recommends approval of the attached resolution.

Action Required by CTB: Approval of the attached resolution.

Options: Approve, Deny or Defer.