



Agenda Item No. 7

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of July 13, 2006

From: Joseph M. Wire, Auditor-Controller
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Subject: **AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A SOLE SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRAFFIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC., RELATIVE TO RFP. NO 2006-B-19, REPLACEMENT OF FASTRAK[®] LANE AND PLAZA/HOST EQUIPMENT, FOR TECHNICAL PROJECT OVERSIGHT**

Recommendation

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize execution of a sole source professional services agreement with Traffic Technologies, Inc., relative to RFP No. 2006-B-19, *Replacement of FasTrak[®] Lane and Plaza/Host Equipment*, to provide technical oversight, effective August 1, 2006, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$396,000, including a 10 percent contingency reserve, with the understanding that funds are included in the FY 06/07 Bridge Division Capital Budget.

In order to meet project timelines, this matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting of July 14, 2006, for appropriate action.

Summary

This is a companion item to *Authorize Award of Contract to The Revenue Markets, Inc., dba TRMI Systems Integration Relative to RFP No. 2006-B-19, Replacement of FasTrak[®] Lane and Plaza/Host Equipment*. Staff is requesting the consulting services of Traffic Technologies, Inc. (TTI) to provide technical oversight for the design, development, testing, integration and acceptance of the replacement FasTrak lane and plaza/host systems.

TTI is an independent contractor with detailed knowledge of the Golden Gate Bridge toll operations. In October 1997, the Board of Directors authorized a professional services agreement with TTI to provide project oversight for the design, development, testing and installation of an electronic toll collection system on the Golden Gate Bridge. TTI had primary responsibility for project oversight from contract award in 1998 through transition to the District in late 2001.

TTI also has a detailed understanding of the FasTrak Regional Customer Service Center (RCSC) system and its interface requirements because of its work, obtained through a competitive negotiation process, as technical consultant to the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) for the regional FasTrak consolidation project. Additionally, TTI wrote the technical sections of the request for proposal for Contract No. 2006-B-19.

Staff believes that TTI is in a unique position to assist the District in providing technical oversight for contract No. 2006-B-19. TTI's institutional knowledge of the Golden Gate Bridge toll system and operations, coupled with its detailed and extensive knowledge of the new system requirements, as well as the RCSC interface and operations, will allow TTI to provide the District with immediate and thorough technical consulting services in a way that would not be possible if any other consultant were hired. Especially given the accelerated time schedule for Contract No. 2006-B-19, TTI's involvement is essential for the successful completion of this critically important project.

TTI has proposed 1.5 full time personnel over a period of 11 months at an hourly rate of \$135 to perform the scope of work. The total all-inclusive, not-to-exceed contract price, including a 10 percent contingency, would be \$396,000. Staff has determined this price to be reasonable, and will ultimately save the District money. First, the rates are comparable to other TTI consulting projects. Additionally, the hourly rates are equal to or lower than the rates submitted two years ago by all the other bidders for the BATA regional consulting request for proposal referred to above. Finally, using TTI as the project consultant will facilitate meeting project deadlines, and will reduce the total number of hours required to accomplish the scope of work.

It is estimated that the project will take 11 months (48 weeks) to complete.

Fiscal Impact

Funds for technical oversight of Contract 2006-B-19 in the amount of \$396,000, are included in the FY 06/07 Bridge Division Capital Budget and the District's Ten-Year Capital Improvement Program.