

AGENDA ITEM 9-A
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN KAUFFMAN AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: APRIL 20, 2007

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AT THE
CROSSROADS YARD**

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is recommending that the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Mid-Eastern Builders, Inc. of Chesapeake, Virginia for the construction of maintenance facilities at the Crossroads Yard in the amount of \$5,437,000, plus a 15% contingency of \$815,550, for a total amount not to exceed \$6,252,550.

BACKGROUND:

The VRE Crossroads storage yard, located at the end of the Fredericksburg line, consists of eight tracks that store six VRE train sets overnight. VRE has initiated relocation of inspection and some maintenance activities to the outlying yards as approved by the Operations Board in June 2004.

In August of 2005, the Operations Board authorized a task order to Parsons Brinckerhoff for design services for this project. Design began shortly thereafter and was finalized in February 2007. An IFB for the construction of maintenance facilities was authorized by the Operations Board on May 19, 2006 and bids were due on April 6, 2007. Three bids were received and have been evaluated. The evaluation process has rendered the successful responsive and responsible bidder as Mid-Eastern Builders, Inc.

The contract work will include construction of maintenance facilities within the Crossroads storage yard, including a service and inspection building, a fully automated

train wash facility, perimeter security lighting, and additional storage track. Work is expected to begin in June and take approximately one year to complete.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding is included in VRE's Capital Improvement Program as part of the Crossroads Yard Maintenance Facility project. Funding is available from FY 2004 and FY 2005 federal grants. The local match is provided for using state and local funds.

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RESOLUTION
9A-04-2007
OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD

WHEREAS, the initiative to shift more fleet maintenance to outlying yards was approved by the Operations Board during the meeting held on June 18, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, at the meeting on August 19, 2005, the Board authorized issuance of a task order to Parsons Brinckerhoff for design services on this project; and,

WHEREAS, at the meeting on May 19, 2006, the Board authorized issuance of an IFB for construction of maintenance facilities at the Crossroads storage yard; and,

WHEREAS, authorization to enter into a contract is required at this time to allow construction of the maintenance facilities at the Crossroads storage yard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, VRE Operations Board recommends that the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Mid-Eastern Builders, Inc. of Chesapeake, Virginia for the construction of maintenance facilities at the Crossroads Yard in the amount of \$5,437,000, plus a 15% contingency of \$815,550, for a total amount not to exceed \$6,252,550.