

**AGENDA ITEM 8-D**  
**ACTION ITEM**

**TO: CHAIRMAN JENKINS AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD**

**FROM: DALE ZEHNER**

**DATE: APRIL 18, 2008**

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE AN AIR COMPRESSOR  
SYSTEM FOR THE CROSSROADS YARD**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to purchase an air compressor system for the Crossroads yard from **Kaeser Compressors, Inc. of Fredericksburg, Virginia** in an amount not to exceed **\$70,000.**

**BACKGROUND:**

VRE is currently building an engine house and train washer at the Crossroads yard as part of the yard expansion project. Construction of the maintenance facility component of the project includes installation of yard air, which is required for operation of the train air brake system.

VRE determined that direct purchase of the materials needed for the air system would be less expensive than purchase of these materials by a contractor. As such, the air compressors and associated components were priced through eVa, the State procurement program. As this purchase is being made using federal funds, eVA allowed use of both federal and state procurement terms and conditions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this project is included in VRE's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as part of the Crossroads Yard Expansion/Maintenance Facility project. The local match is provided for using state and local funds.

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**RESOLUTION**  
**8D-04-2008**  
**OF THE**  
**VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS**  
**OPERATIONS BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the installation of yard air at the Crossroads yard is part of the construction program for an engine house and train washer; and,

**WHEREAS**, VRE can purchase the necessary hardware directly at a price lower than via a contractor; and,

**WHEREAS**, a competitive purchase process through eVA was completed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to purchase an air compressor system for the Crossroads yard from **Kaeser Compressors, Inc. of Fredericksburg, Virginia** in an amount not to exceed **\$70,000.**