

AGENDA ITEM 9-D
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN JENKINS AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2008

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND A TASK ORDER FOR
LOCOMOTIVE DIAGNOSTIC WORK**

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to increase the authorization limit of a task order with Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI) for locomotive diagnostic work by \$125,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$225,000.

BACKGROUND:

On November 20, 2006, a task order was issued to TTI, under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer, for locomotive diagnostic work in the amount of \$50,000. As those funds were projected to be consumed by November of 2007, VRE staff requested the addition of \$50,000 to that task order in October of 2007. This additional funding was exhausted by the end of July 2008.

VRE staff have found this type of diagnostic task order to be useful for the myriad of minor repairs that are encountered in the VRE yards. Through this authorization, repairs can either be made immediately, as a running repair, or accomplished over a weekend. If higher level repairs are required, an independent task order is written for that locomotive.

As the \$100,000 task order lasted approximately 18 months, this increase is expected to last for at least one year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this project is available from the FY 2009 - 2010 Operating budgets.

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RESOLUTION
9D-08-2008
OF THE
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OPERATIONS BOARD

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2006, VRE's Chief Executive Officer executed a task order with Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI) for locomotive diagnostic work in the amount of \$50,000; and,

WHEREAS, this task order allows TTI to facilitate immediate investigations into locomotive failures and, if minor repairs are required, to immediately make those repairs; and,

WHEREAS, the Board authorized an additional \$50,000 for this task order in October of 2007; and,

WHEREAS, all funding in the task order was expended by the end of July 2008; and,

WHEREAS, the task order has permitted VRE to keep its locomotive fleet at a much higher operational status than would have been possible without it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to increase the authorization limit of a task order with Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI) for locomotive diagnostic work by \$125,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$225,000.