

AGENDA ITEM 9-F
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN JENKINS AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: JUNE 20, 2008

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A TASK ORDER FOR DAILY HEP
AND HOT START INSPECTIONS AND RUNNING REPAIRS**

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a task order to Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI) to perform daily HEP and hot start inspections and running repairs through June of 2009 for a cost not to exceed \$187,000.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past two years, VRE has suffered three complete HEP failures due to deficient maintenance practices and the deterioration of locomotive hot starts. As part of ongoing efforts to improve locomotive maintenance efforts, VRE staff is recommending a task order to enhance daily inspections and running maintenance for the HEPs and hot starts.

VRE conducted a trial of this maintenance program using TTI during the past three months and determined it to be of great value to the daily operation. This proposed task order is designed to last for one year, after which the program will be reviewed for a determination of continuing contribution.

Although VRE is currently in the process of replacing all of the defective units with new, modern hot starts, the remaining hot starts must receive regular running maintenance to continue to be reliable for daily operations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this task order is provided from the FY 2009 Operation budget.

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RESOLUTION
9F-06-2008
OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD

WHEREAS, as part of ongoing efforts to improve locomotive maintenance, VRE staff is recommending enhanced daily inspections and running maintenance for the fleet's HEPs and hot starts; and,

WHEREAS, Transportation Technology, Inc. is already under contract with VRE to perform locomotive repair services; and,

WHEREAS, VRE conducted a trial of this maintenance program using TTI during the past three months and determined it to be of great value to the daily operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to issue a task order to Transportation Technologies, Inc. (TTI) to perform daily HEP and hot start inspections and running repairs through June of 2009 for a cost not to exceed \$187,000.