

AGENDA ITEM 8-D
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN JENKINS AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2008

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A TASK ORDER FOR
COMPREHENSIVE PERIODIC HEP INSPECTIONS**

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 comprehensive periodic HEP inspections for one year in an amount not to exceed \$227,040.

BACKGROUND:

As part of VRE's efforts to maintain recent high levels of on-time performance, VRE's locomotive head end power units (HEPs) currently receive daily inspections as well as 92 day inspections. The daily inspections are more for service preparedness and insure the locomotives are ready and loaded with oil and water. The 92 day inspections include more comprehensive preventive maintenance. Despite these inspections, some locomotive failures have still occurred. VRE is subsequently proposing an intermediate HEP inspection which would perform light preventive maintenance such as changing the oil and filter more frequently.

As funding for locomotive replacement beyond the five units ordered is unknown, steps are being taken now to insure these units operate to their full capacity for several more years. VRE recommends this proposed extra inspection cycle to keep the units in an efficient state as well as to help reduce the incidence of enroute failures.

The invoicing for this work will be on a time and materials basis, not to exceed the authorization limit requested. Any repairs other than running repairs must be first approved by VRE. This program is designed to last for one year, after which the program will be reviewed for a determination of continuing contribution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this task order is provided from the FY 2009-2010 Operating budgets.

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RESOLUTION
8D-11-2008
OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD

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

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

WHEREAS, such inspections and maintenance efforts will result in improved reliability of the HEP system during the operation of the VRE fleet.

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 comprehensive periodic HEP inspections for one year in an amount not to exceed \$227,040.