

AGENDA ITEM 9-B
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN JENKINS AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2008

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A TASK ORDER FOR
LOCOMOTIVE TOP DECK REBUILD WORK**

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 top deck rebuild work on three locomotives in an amount not to exceed \$810,000, plus a contingency of \$81,000, for a total of \$891,000.

BACKGROUND:

VRE currently has 20 locomotives in service. Since April 2006, the VRE Operations Board has approved top deck rebuild work on ten of VRE's locomotives under a contract with TTI. Two additional locomotives received top deck repairs through separate task order work. As such, only three more of VRE's fifteen GP-type locomotives require top deck rebuilds. This authorization will allow all three of these units to be rebuilt.

In January 2008, Motive Power was awarded a contract to supply two new locomotives to VRE, with an option for eighteen more. The Operations Board is being asked to modify this order to five units at the October 2008 meeting. However, these new locomotives are not projected to enter VRE service until mid-2010. Additionally, since funding for the remainder of the option order is less than certain, this top deck rebuild work must continue.

This task order includes a comprehensive rebuilding of the top deck; installation of a new hot start; repair of the turbo charger, if needed; repair of the main

generator bearing and extensive testing on the engine for additional hidden faults. The task order also includes freight to and from the repair facility. The work takes approximately two months from the time a locomotive leaves VRE's facility to being returned to VRE property for service.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding is available from the locomotive overhaul project in the VRE capital budget. Funding is provided using a FY 2006 federal grant. Local match is being provided using state and local funds.

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RESOLUTION
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OF THE
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OPERATIONS BOARD

WHEREAS, VRE has an existing contract with Transportation Technologies, Inc. to perform top deck rebuild work; and,

WHEREAS, since April 2006, the VRE Operations Board has approved top deck rebuilds on ten of VRE's locomotives; and,

WHEREAS, given the schedule for the new locomotive delivery and future funding opportunities, top deck rebuild work on the existing fleet must continue; and,

WHEREAS, VRE is recommending approval of work on the remaining three locomotives for top deck overhaul rebuild work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to issue individual task orders to Transportation Technologies, Inc. to perform top deck rebuild work on three locomotives in an amount not to exceed \$810,000, plus a contingency of \$81,000, for a total of \$891,000.