

TO: CHAIRMAN ZIMMERMAN AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD
FROM: DALE ZEHNER
DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2009
RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

**RESOLUTION
9A-10-2009
OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD**

WHEREAS, Amtrak has been the sole source provider of VRE transportation and mechanical services under an Operations and Services contract since 1992 which expires June 30, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, presently there are a number of viable third party contractors willing and able to compete for these responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, since 1992, VRE has developed all infrastructure needed for a third party contractor to perform the routine and intermediate maintenance on VRE locomotives and railcars that Amtrak currently provides; and,

WHEREAS, a competitive procurement, in which four proposals were received, and successful negotiations with the top ranked firm have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board recommends that the Commissions approve the award of a contract with Keolis Rail Services America for VRE operating and maintenance services and mobilization in the amount of \$18,459,348, through June 30, 2011, and authorize the CEO to execute the contract on behalf of the Commissions.