RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award general engineering consulting (GEC) services contracts. The cumulative contract terms would be limited to five years or $5,000,000.

BACKGROUND:

The current GEC contract is set to expire in March of 2013. To-date, over 45 task orders have been issued with a total contract value approaching the $5,000,000 limit. VRE’s general engineering needs have included projects such as platform extensions and second platforms, parking lot design, yard facilities design and several railroad infrastructure projects.

The GEC contract provides for engineering, planning, environmental and construction support services. As a result, VRE has found the use of a general engineering consulting contract to be more efficient than completing numerous, separate procurements. The GEC program is not intended to address all projects and separate procurements will continue to be issued using the RFP process when appropriate.

Authorization was granted at the June 2012 Board meeting to solicit proposals from various firms. Eleven proposals were received on November 13, 2012 and an evaluation committee was formed to evaluate them.
As a result, Staff recommends award to the following firms: AECOM, STV, Gannett Flemming, Michael Baker and Parsons Brinkerhoff. The proposed contracts will have a cumulative value of up to $5,000,000, for a term not to exceed five years.

The GEC contract is awarded to multiple firms to promote competition and allow tasks to be assigned based on areas of expertise and qualifications. Award to multiple firms also promotes competition for task order work. The proposed contract will have a cumulative value of $5,000,000 and a term not to exceed five years.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funds for the project are included in VRE’s Capital Improvement Program through specific capital projects. Once the Board approves a task order, the applicable project/grant is charged for that authorization amount. If federal grant funds are being used, the local match is provided for using debt service reserve funds.
TO: CHAIRMAN SMEDBURG AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD
FROM: DOUG ALLEN
DATE: MARCH 15, 2013
RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION
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VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS OPERATIONS BOARD

WHEREAS, past general engineering needs for the VRE have included civil project work, technical report writing and research and planning; and,

WHEREAS, the period of the existing contracts will expire on March 31, 2013 and the total authorization of $5,000,000 is close to being reached; and,

WHEREAS, eleven proposals were received on November 13, 2012 and an evaluation committee was formed to evaluate them; and,

WHEREAS, AECOM, STV, Gannett Flemming, Michael Baker and Parsons Brinkerhoff are the firms being recommended for award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to award general engineering consulting (GEC) services contracts for a term of five years and in a cumulative value of up to $5,000,000.

Approved this 15th day of March, 2013.

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Paul Smedberg
Chairman

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John Cook
Secretary