Agenda Item 8-E
Consent Item

To: Chairman Milde and the VRE Operations Board
From: Doug Allen
Date: December 19, 2014
Re: Authorization to Award a GEC VI Task Order for FTA Core Capacity Grant Support

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award a Task Order under the GEC VI to Parsons Brinckerhoff for FTA Core Capacity Grant Support in an amount up to $82,000, plus a 10% contingency of $8,200, for a total amount not to exceed $90,200.

Background:

The VRE System Plan 2040 identified general areas where the VRE system is at or near capacity and constrains future service growth. The FTA Major Capital Investment Core Capacity grant funding program is intended for major, corridor-based capital investments that are located in a corridor that is at or over capacity or will be within five (5) years. The System Plan identifies capital projects, including rail infrastructure, station, yard and equipment projects that will increase existing VRE system and operating capacity. It is believed many of those projects, implemented individually or in combination with one another, are eligible for funding under the FTA Core Capacity program. This task order will help VRE determine how best to leverage planned investments to provide additional funds to advance other major strategic system improvements such as the Long Bridge across the Potomac River.
An assessment of the VRE capacity-related projects identified in the System Plan is needed to identify the mix of capital investments that best address the goals of the FTA Core Capacity program and develop the most competitive project for a Core Capacity grant application.

This task order will provide consultant services for the assessment of VRE capital and capacity needs and develop a strategy to optimize the investments planned in the VRE FY 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Plan for an eligible Core Capacity project. Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) was selected for this task assignment as nationally-recognized experts in the FTA Core Capacity program and their prior experience preparing the System Plan 2040.

The proposed cost to develop a VRE Core Capacity project strategy under this task order is $50,000. Our initial focus will be on leveraging our current capital investments for the implementation of the Long Bridge project. PB proposed optional services in the amount of $32,000 to be exercised, if needed to evaluate and develop additional Core Capacity projects, should the initial assessment identify multiple projects suitable for funding through the FTA grant program.

Acceptance of the full proposal is recommended in the amount of $82,000, plus a 10% contingency of $8,200, for a total authorization of $90,200. An initial notice to proceed will be issued only for the base task with one or more additional notice(s) to be issued at a later date for optional tasks if warranted.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding for the project is provided in the FY 2015 Budget and approved Capital Improvement Plan through DRPT Technical Assistance Grant funding with VRE funds as match.
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FTA Core Capacity Grant Support

WHEREAS, the VRE System Plan 2040 identified areas where VRE system capacity is at or near capacity and constrains future service growth; and,

WHEREAS, the FTA Major Capital Investment Core Capacity grant funding program is intended for major, corridor-based capital investments that are located in a corridor that is at or over capacity or will be within five (5) years; and,

WHEREAS, it is believed many of the major system investments identified in the VRE System Plan, implemented individually or in combination with one another, are eligible for funding under the FTA Core Capacity program; and,

WHEREAS, expert technical advice is needed to assist in assessing VRE capital needs and capacity and developing the optimal strategy for a FTA Core Capacity grant application; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award a task order under the GEC VI contract to Parsons Brinckerhoff for FTA Core Capacity Grant Support in an amount of up to $82,000 plus a 10% contingency of $8,200, for a total not to exceed $90,200.

Approved this 19th day of December 2014

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Paul Milde  
Chairman

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Gary Skinner  
Secretary