To: Chairman Milde and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: January 17, 2014

Re: Authorization to Issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Rehabilitation of Wheel Sets

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for maintenance and/or replacement of wheel sets to support VRE passenger railcars and locomotives.

Background:

VRE currently has a contract with UTC/RAS for locomotive and gallery car wheel set maintenance. The current contract, including option years, expires June 30, 2014. It is, therefore, necessary to initiate a solicitation to establish a new contract for wheel set replacement, repairs, and overhaul services for both the passenger railcar and locomotives fleet in order to avoid an interruption in services.

The scope of services for this contract is to repair and return or replace wheel sets as needed as a result of failure, damage or normal wear and tear.

The contract terms for this solicitation is three years, a base year plus two one year options, with the CEO exercising the option years at his discretion. VRE Staff will return to the Operations Board with a recommendation to award a contract.
**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding is provided for in the current FY 2014 budget for locomotive and railcar maintenance. Funding for future fiscal years will be included in subsequent annual budgets.
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Resolution
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WHEREAS, VRE passenger railcars and locomotives require wheel set replacement, repairs, and overhaul services to be provided by a qualified Contractor; and,

WHEREAS, the current contract to provide passenger railcar and locomotive wheel set replacement, repairs, and overhaul services will expire in June 2014; and,

WHEREAS, it is, therefore, necessary to initiate a solicitation for a new contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for maintenance and/or replacement of wheel sets to support VRE passenger railcars and locomotives.

Approved this 17th day of January 2014

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Paul Milde
Chairman

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Gary Skinner
Secretary