To: Chairman Cook and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: July 17, 2015

Re: Authorization to Issue Invitation for Bids for the Purchase of Replacement Material for Head End Power Engine Maintenance

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for replacement material for head end power engine maintenance for VRE’s fleet of twenty (20) locomotives.

Background:

Invitation for Bids is the preferred and normal method of procurement suitable when seeking bids to provide goods and services at a firm-fixed price. This method is utilized when there is a complete, adequate, precise specification or purchase description. Award is made on the basis of price alone without discussions or negotiations with the Bidders.

VRE’s rolling stock maintenance management plan requires replacement of specific components and systems at various intervals based on factors such as fuel consumption, hours of operation or mileage. The head end power engines installed on VRE locomotives are nearing their interval for replacement of specific engine components based on fuel consumption and hours of operation. The scope of work for this IFB includes purchase and delivery of material for the replacement of heads, injectors, turbo chargers, fuel pumps and other components.
Upon receipt of the bids, staff will return to the Board for authorization to award the contract.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding is provided for in the FY 2016 Capital Improvement Budget through Federal Formula Funds (5337) with associated state and local match.
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Resolution
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WHEREAS, VRE’s rolling stock maintenance management plan requires the replacement of specific components and systems at specified intervals; and,

WHEREAS, VRE’s head end power engines are nearing the requirement for replacement of specific engine components based on fuel consumption and hours of operation; and,

WHEREAS, VRE needs to purchase replacement material for twenty (20) locomotives in FY 2016 to complete the required maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for replacement material for head end power engine maintenance for VRE’s fleet of twenty (20) locomotives.

Approved this 17th day of July 2015

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John C. Cook
Chairman

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Paul Smedberg
Secretary