To: Chairman Skinner and the VRE Operations Board
From: Doug Allen
Date: June 17, 2016
Re: Authorization to Amend the General Engineering Consulting Services Contracts (GEC VII)

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend 14 separate General Engineering Consulting Services Contracts (GEC VII) in accordance with the recently revised Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA). The VPPA amendment increased the maximum aggregate value of all Task Orders initiated under the 14 GEC contracts from $500,000 to $6,000,000 per year. Since it is possible for one contract to use all of the aggregate $6,000,000 limit, each contract will be amended to allow this increase to the aggregate limit of $6,000,000 per year for a one-year base period and four annual renewals for a total not to exceed $30,000,000.

Background:

VRE uses General Engineering Consulting (GEC) contracts to provide on-call engineering, planning, environmental and construction support services. VRE has found the use of GEC contracts to be more efficient than completing numerous, separate procurements. GEC contracts help VRE access specialized skills and expertise from consultants as an extension of staff on an as-needed basis.

Services, Inc., Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, and STV Incorporated) for on-call general engineering consultant services related to project implementation in the following seven task areas.

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The term of each Contract is for a base period of one year with the option to extend for four additional one-year periods, not to exceed five years. The Request for Proposals indicated VRE would initiate Task Orders for services as needed up to the limit allowed by the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA), which was set, at the time of contracting, at a maximum of $500,000 per year, in aggregate for the 14 contracts.

HB 907, which was passed during the 2016 legislative session and was signed by the Governor in March of 2016, amended the VPPA to allow transportation commissions a higher procurement limit for General Engineering-type contracts by including them in an already existing exception to the limit. Under the new provision, VRE is allowed to initiate Task Orders for services as needed up to a maximum of $6,000,000 per year, in aggregate for the 14 contracts.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The funding for each Task Order issued under GEC VII is identified at the time the Task Order is approved. Depending on the project for which the Task Order is issued, funding may come from grant funds, VRE operating or capital funds, or a combination thereof.
WHEREAS, it is the experience of VRE that General Engineering Consulting (GEC) contracts are an efficient and cost-effective means of performing engineering, planning, environmental and construction related activities required for a limited duration or needed in a timely manner on an as-needed basis; and,


WHEREAS, the aggregate value of all Task Orders initiated under the 14 GEC contracts was set at a maximum of $500,000 per year, in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA); and,

WHEREAS, HB 907, which passed during the 2016 legislative session and was signed by the Governor in March 2016, amended the VPPA granting Transportation Commissions, and thus VRE, an exception that allows the aggregate value of all Task Orders initiated under the 14 GEC contracts to be set at a maximum of $6,000,000 per year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the above-referenced General Engineering Consulting Services Contracts to the increased maximum limit of $6,000,000 per year for one-year base period and four annual renewals for a total not to exceed of $30,000,000.

Approved this 17th day of June 2016

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Gary Skinner
Chairman

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Maureen Caddigan
Secretary