To: Chairman Skinner and the VRE Operations Board
From: Rich Dalton
Date: September 18, 2020
Re: Authorization to Execute a Contract for Construction of Quantico Station Improvements

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Archer Western Construction, LLC of Herndon, Virginia, for construction of Quantico Station Improvements in the amount of $16,709,330, plus a 10% contingency of $1,670,933, for a total amount not to exceed $18,380,263.

Summary:

Authorization will allow VRE to execute a contract with Archer Western Construction, LLC for Construction of Quantico Station Improvements, which includes extending the existing platform, constructing a new center platform and pedestrian bridges as well as other ancillary improvements.

Background:

CSX Transportation (CSXT), the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and VRE are collaborating to construct approximately eleven miles of third track between Arkendale and Powell’s Creek in Prince William County, which includes the Quantico Station. VRE and DRPT, through their joint design consultant STV, Inc., have completed final design for the station improvements and corresponding third track modifications at the Quantico Station. DRPT requested VRE manage final design and construction of the Quantico Station Improvements Project along with additional elements of work including site/civil, track roadbed, ballast, and a retaining wall. DRPT has increased the available funding via the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital (IPROC) Fund
and SMART SCALE Funds for the Quantico Station Improvements to provide for the requested additional scope items. The added scope elements will enhance safety and increase operational flexibility for CSXT, Amtrak and VRE trains while accommodating both the federally funded third track project and the passenger improvements at Quantico.

A mailing list of more than one hundred prospective Bidders was established for the solicitation to ensure access to adequate sources of services. On June 18, 2020, an IFB was issued and bids were due on July 30, 2020. Three bids were received.

The bid tabulation is as follows:

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<th>Bidder</th>
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<td>1. Archer Western Construction, LLC</td>
<td>$16,709,330.00</td>
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<td>2. Polivka International Company, Inc.</td>
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<td>3. W.M. Schlosser Company, Inc.</td>
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After review of the bids, it was determined Archer Western Construction, LLC was the lowest responsive-responsible bidder. VRE staff has certified the price is fair and reasonable.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding for the Quantico Station Improvements Project, including construction, is provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia through its IPROC and SMART SCALE programs, as noted in VRE’s approved FY 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program.

DRPT’s Transforming Rail in Virginia program includes the purchase of rail right of way in the CSXT RF&P corridor, a commitment to construct a new Long Bridge across the Potomac River, and a new operating plan for freight and passenger rail in the corridor that will improve capacity and reliability. As part of this program, some of VRE’s planned station expansion projects in the corridor have changed, which has allowed DRPT and VRE to work collaboratively to update their investment plans to use available funding sources most effectively.

Specifically, DRPT and VRE have agreed that a portion of the SMART SCALE funding previously allocated to the Brooke Station project will be transferred to the Quantico Station project to ensure full funding of all expected project costs, including the Construction Management efforts that are the subject of this action. DRPT and VRE are currently working to incorporate this additional funding in an updated SMART SCALE funding agreement.
WHEREAS, CSX Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and VRE are collaborating to construct approximately eleven miles of third track between Arkendale and Powell’s Creek in Prince William County, which includes the Quantico Station; and,

WHEREAS, DRPT requested VRE manage final design and construction of the Quantico Station Improvements Project with funding provided through the Commonwealth’s Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund and SMART SCALE programs; and,

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, an Invitation for Bids was issued, and bids were due on July 30, 2020 with three bids being received; and,

WHEREAS, after review of the bids, it was determined Archer Western Construction, LLC was the lowest responsive-responsible bidder; and,

WHEREAS, the VRE Operations Board’s approval of this procurement does not represent its independent assessment of the candidate’s responses to the solicitation or of each step in the procurement process followed by staff; rather, the VRE Operations Board’s action is premised upon its conclusion, after review of the information before it, that the process used by the staff was in accordance with law and that the staff recommendation appears to be reasonable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Archer Western Construction, LLC of Herndon, Virginia for Construction of Quantico Station Improvements in the amount of $16,709,330, plus a 10% contingency of $1,670,933, for a total amount not to exceed $18,380,263.

Approved this 18th day of September 2020

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Gary Skinner
Chairman

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Jeanine Lawson
Secretary