

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority  
Board Action/Information Summary**

Action  
 Information

MEAD Number:  
99611

Resolution:  
 Yes  No

**PURPOSE**

To obtain Board approval to initiate and award a Professional Survey Services contract(s) to: (1) complete the 89.5-mile, 103-mile and 106-mile systemwide utility outgrants; (2) prepare plats and legal descriptions for the acquisition of properties required from the United States General Services Administration (GSA); (3) update ortho-images for all WMATA properties; and (4) provide general surveying and computational services to support Metrorail operations, engineering, planning, information technology and capital construction programs.

**DESCRIPTION**

In compliance with FTA real estate records closeout requirements, WMATA has developed a property database for parcels acquired as part of the Metrorail system. In order to complete the closeout process, WMATA is required, by Master Agreements with the utility companies, to convey or extinguish easements for utilities relocated during the construction of the Metrorail system. These easements, known as systemwide utility outgrants, must be completed as part of the FTA Grant closeout process and to relieve WMATA of any existing and future liabilities, damages and injuries to third parties arising from the operation and maintenance of these facilities by the respective utilities. The outgrant process involves preparing survey easement plats and legal descriptions of the relocated utilities, creating legal instruments by which the property rights are to be conveyed and recording those instruments in the land records of the appropriate jurisdiction.

WMATA must complete the acquisition of approximately 44 properties from GSA required for various portions of the 89.5-mile system. Pursuant to the Partnering Agreement between WMATA and GSA, GSA will convey these properties to WMATA at no cost.

In addition to survey services to prepare utility outgrants and complete the acquisition of GSA properties, WMATA requires the services of a survey contractor to provide general support in a wide range of survey engineering and survey computational

functions. Such services include, but are not limited to, photogrammetry, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and control surveys, aerial and topographic mapping, as-built surveys, etc.

This procurement may result in the award of several contracts. All contracting will be in accordance with, and pursuant to, the competitive selection process as set forth in the Procurement Procedures Manual.

### **FUNDING IMPACT**

The estimated cost for the survey services contract is \$1,203,000. Funding for this contract is available in the Rail Capital Construction and IRP budgets.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board approves the initiation and award of a Professional Survey Services contract(s) to support operations and capital construction programs.