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IDENTIFICATION			
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AWARD VALUE:	(Not yet awarded)	CONTRACT: (Proposed)	
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DESCRIPTION	
SUBJECT:	Modification of Contract C05120 to Consavage Consulting, LLC for vehicle engineering support.
PURPOSE:	To request the Board of Directors approval for the modification of Contract C05120 to Consavage Consulting, LLC for thirty additional weeks maximum to provide part-time vehicle engineering consulting services on the 5000 Series Railcar Procurement Program in the not-to-exceed amount of \$46,080.

ORIGINATION					
INITIATOR			DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL		
PANAGIOTIS SALPEAS on 01/19/2006			Approved by SALPEAS , PANAGIOTIS 02/02/2006		
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COORDINATION (ROUTING)		
OFFICE	NAME	ACTION/DATE
(4110)	SALPEAS, PANAGIOTIS	Approved 02/02/2006
AUDT (7210)	STEWART, JAMES	Re-assigned 02/03/2006
PRMT (7410)	JACKSON, LUCY	Approved 02/03/2006
COUN (1410)	O'KEEFFE, CAROL	Approved 02/07/2006
AUDT (7210)	STEWART, JAMES	Approved 02/06/2006

FINAL APPROVALS	
OFFICE	NAME/ACTION
PLN_DEV_CMTE	Approved for by PANAGIOTIS SALPEAS on 02/02/2006
BEMR	Approved w/ Comments for by HAROLD BARTLETT on 02/07/2006
GM	Approved for GMGR by GMGR CEO on 02/10/2006
BOARD	BOARD WMATA (Not Yet Approved)



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NARRATIVE

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Chief Engineer Vehicles (CENV) in the Division of Planning Development Engineering and Construction (PDEC) is in a transitional period of new appointments for key positions, including the recent hiring of a Chief Engineer Vehicles. During this ongoing transitional period, CENV has a critical need for a knowledgeable, experienced individual who will provide advice and assistance in overseeing and managing the 5000 Series Railcar Procurement Program.

The Board approved the award of Contract C05120 to Consavage Consulting, LLC and indemnified Terry Consavage (Owner) on May 20, 2005 to provide part-time vehicle engineering consulting services for a period of thirty weeks maximum in the amount of \$44,200. Mr. Consavage, a retiree of WMATA [Retirement Date: April 2005], provided the interim support needed in CENV as a consultant during the initial transitional period of new appointments for key positions. The funding has expired, and WMATA is requesting that the contract be modified to extend the period of performance for thirty weeks maximum for an additional amount of \$46,080.

Mr. Consavage of Consavage Consulting, LLC provided a proposal that is very similar to the one proposed under the original contract, which is to work part time for thirty weeks at \$76.80 per hour in support of the 5000 Series Program. That rate reflects his hourly wages while he was employed at WMATA, adjusted upwards for self-employment tax, and has been determined by the auditor general's office as reasonable. Mr. Consavage's indemnity status will remain the same under the modified contract, which is in accordance with WMATA's indemnification policy for employees. All other terms and conditions of this contract will remain the same. A similarly skilled outside consultant would cost approximately \$200.00 or more per hour, including other direct costs.

Mr. Consavage was the Director, Rail System Engineering, in the Office of Chief Engineer (CENG) until his retirement, with over twenty years of progressive experience at WMATA. During this tenure, Mr. Consavage has gained an appreciable degree of expertise and knowledge of state-of-the-art vehicle engineering and technology; specifically for those vehicles that comprise, or will become components, of the WMATA Railcar and Bus fleet. He has been involved in all aspects of the 5000 Series railcars since inception, and supervised much of the program. Since there are a number of outstanding issues that need to be resolved with the car builder on the 5000 Series Program, and no other WMATA employee possesses similar knowledge and experience on the program, Mr. Consavage's assistance will be required. These issues cover all aspects of the 5000 Series Program, including the ongoing modifications to the railcars and closeout issues with the car builder. For another individual to obtain the knowledge and expertise currently possessed by Mr. Consavage would involve an inordinate amount of education, training, and time. Delay or inefficiency to the referenced programs is deemed unacceptable as it would adversely impact the potential reliability, efficiency, and safety of the 5000 Series railcars.

Accordingly, Mr. Consavage, through his company Consavage Consulting, LLC, has offered to provide services, part-time and as required, for a maximum period of thirty weeks and until the earlier occurrence of either the completion of the assigned scope of work or the expiration of authorized funding. His tasks will include all aspects of the 5000 Series Program involving engineering and contract issues, closeout issues, development of recommended courses of action, guidance to staff, and to act as an advisor to the Chief Engineer Vehicles (CENV) and Deputy General Manager for Planning, Development, Engineering and Construction (PDEC). Mr. Consavage will also assist in the development of in-house WMATA expertise by sharing in lessons learned on the 5000 Series Program for CENV and PDEC staff.

PRIOR APPROVALS:

The Board approved MEAD 94870 on May 20, 2005 to award Contract C05120 to Consavage Consulting, LLC and indemnified Terry Consavage (Owner). The award for Contract C05120 was issued to Consavage Consulting, LLC on July 18, 2005 for \$44,200.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Authority could forego modifying Contract C05120 to Consavage Consulting, LLC and leave vehicle engineering without experienced assistance on the 5000 Series Railcar Procurement Program and without the development of in-house WMATA expertise by sharing in lessons learned on this program. This is undesirable because any delay or inefficiency to the 5000 Series Program administered through CENV would adversely impact the reliability, efficiency, and safety of the Authority's rail operations.

IMPACT ON FUNDING:

Budget: Rail Construction Program

Project Title: 5000 Series Car Procurement

Project Description Page: N/A

Current Budget Amount: \$383,075,519.74

Prior Actions: \$381,243,667.09

Subtotal Remaining: \$1,831,852.65

This Action: \$46,080.00

Total Remaining: \$1,785,772.65

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors approve the modification of Contract C05120 to Consavage Consulting, LLC for thirty additional weeks maximum to provide part-time vehicle engineering consulting services on the 5000 Series Railcar Procurement Program in the not-to-exceed amount of \$46,080.