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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
METRO ELECTRONIC ACTION
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IDENTIFICATION			
MEAD ID:	98235	ACTION:	Initiate & Award
AWARD VALUE:	(Not yet awarded)	CONTRACT: (Proposed)	
FUND SOURCES: (View)		CONTRACTOR:	
LAST MODIFIED:	06/06/2006		

DESCRIPTION	
SUBJECT:	Request Board approval to award a contract for the procurement of bus batteries for WMATA buses.
PURPOSE:	PURPOSE To request Board approval to competitively advertise and award a requirements contract for the procurement of bus batteries for a two year base period and three one-year options. Total cost of this contract is estimated at \$735,000 for the base period and the total cost is \$2,136,785 if the option years are exercised.

ORIGINATION					
INITIATOR			DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL		
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OFFICE	NAME/ACTION
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BOARD	BOARD WMATA (Not Yet Approved)



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NARRATIVE

Bus Service is requesting approval to competitively advertise and award a requirements contract for bus batteries. The prior contract expired in January. Approval for the new contract has not been sought until this time pending the completion of testing of alternative batteries.

The bus batteries previously used were not reliable. Potential replacements were tested for one year and the "type 31" battery was found to be superior. The type 31 battery is permanently sealed, eliminating the possibility personal injuries and the discharge of flammable gases from lead acid spills. It is more resistant to corrosion, has greater storage capacity, and provides increased maintenance reliability. Two manufacturers have been identified that can supply the type 31 batteries.

ALTERNATIVES

The type 31 battery was extensively tested and found superior. Any alternatives would not provide necessary reliability levels.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

Budget: Operating Budget, Fiscal 2007 thru 2011
 Office: Bus Maintenance
 Account: Bus Batteries
 This Action: \$735,000

Budget Information:

Base Period	Option Years		
FY2007-2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011
\$735,000	\$423,500	\$465,850	\$512,435

Remarks:

The estimated cost for the base period is \$735,000 and the total cost is \$2,136,785 if the option years are exercised. Award of the option years are subject to Board approval of budgets for those years and the availability of funds.

PRIOR APPROVAL

None

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS

Equal Employment Opportunity

The contractor will be required to comply with Executive Order 11246, Revised Order #4.

SBE Requirements:

Pursuant to the WMATA Board Resolution 2005-30, the Small Business Enterprise goal for this contract is 25%.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Board approval to competitively advertise and award a requirements contract for the procurement of bus batteries for a two year base period and three one-year options. Total cost of this contract is estimated at \$735,000 for the base period and the total cost is \$2,136,785 if the option years are exercised.