

Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority Board Action/Information Summary

Action
 Information

MEAD Number:
99457

Resolution:
 Yes No

PURPOSE

To request Board approval to initiate and award a competitive contract, to include a base year and two one-year options, for the lease of heavy equipment to be utilized for major track rehabilitation projects. Contractor personnel to operate and maintain the equipment is also required.

DESCRIPTION

The Office of Track and Structures/Systems Maintenance (TSSM) has projected to replace 90 turnouts that have reached their useful service life during FY07, FY08, and FY09 (30 per year). These turnouts include single turnouts, single crossovers and double crossovers currently installed at various locations throughout WMATA's mainline system and maintenance yards.

In addition to the installation of turnouts, heavy equipment is required to install track panels in areas of close or constrained clearances, at bridge and aerial approaches, and at some of the older outdoor (ballasted) stations.

To accomplish these replacements in the most efficient manner, it is necessary to lease heavy equipment such as cranes, gradalls, backhoes, etc., with operators for the contracted equipment and other necessary personnel. Some of the equipment is specialized with hi-rail capability.

Equipment with the capacity to handle the large loads associated with the removal and installation of turnouts are not available at WMATA. The location, complexity, and system operating constraints will determine the specific type(s) of heavy equipment required.

Currently TSSM is procuring these services utilizing purchase orders for specific locations of our system.

FUNDING IMPACT

Funds are available in the Metro Matters Capital budget under the program of Right-of-Way Track and Structure Rehabilitation. This contract provides a base year with two one-year options. The estimated cost for the base year is \$1,000,000. If all options are exercised, for the three-year period, the estimated cost is \$3,000,000. Funding for the option years is subject to Board approval of budgets for those years and the availability of funds.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve staff to initiate and award a contract for the lease of heavy equipment, for a base year and two one-year options, subject to funding availability.