

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority
Board Action/Information Summary** Action
 InformationMEAD Number:
99861Resolution:
 Yes No**PURPOSE**

Board approval to issue a sole source modification to Contract C05136 to accept dollar coins. Modification will be issued to Cubic Transportation Systems for the development of necessary software changes.

DESCRIPTION

The Presidential Dollar Coin Act of 2005 requires that transit agencies receiving federal funding must be capable of accepting and dispensing the dollar coins by January 2008. Software changes to the Fare Collection equipment are necessary to comply with this mandate.

The modification of the software embedded in the Fare Collection Equipment cannot be reasonably undertaken by another firm nor performed by in-house staff. Metro does not possess the experience in reconfiguring the software; in addition, the cost and time required for the development of the new software will exceed the time constraints.

The existing software in our Fare Collection Equipment was developed by Cubic Transportation Systems of San Diego, California. Cubic is the only firm that is capable of implementing the changes in the required time with minimal risk to the Authority.

Contract C05136 was issued in September 2005 to Cubic Transportation Systems of San Diego, California for the conversion of Farecard Vendors into Express Vendors. The current contract value is \$3,387,317.66. This contract will be modified to implement software changes in the Farecard and Express Vendors and Exitfare Machines to allow the equipment to accept the dollar coins. Staff will return to the Board for approval of the software modification to implement dispensing of the dollar coin.

FUNDING IMPACT

The Board previously approved MEAD 99702 for the Automatic Fare Collection Multi-Year Program on July 26, 2007. Funding for this action is contained within MEAD 99702 and it is part of the Metro Matters Program. The recommendation in the MEAD required that staff return to the Board for approval of modifications to existing sole source contracts.

Cubic has provided a proposal to supply software to accept the dollar coins. The estimate to execute the necessary changes will not exceed \$400,000. Negotiations are in process.

RECOMMENDATION

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