

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

Action
 Information

MEAD Number:
99652

Resolution:
 Yes No

PURPOSE

To request Board approval to initiate and award a sole source requirements contract to American Brake & Clutch, Inc. (ABC) for rebuilt and new brake shoes used in the maintenance and overhaul of WMATA buses for a one-year base period and four one-year options. The MEAD further requests programmatic approval to modify the contract for changes in demand and add different bonded/riveted brake shoes or delete existing ones as necessary during the life of the contract to meet customer requirements.

DESCRIPTION

Rebuilt bonded brake shoes were previously provided under Contract M99998 with ABC. This contract expired on January 14, 2006. MEAD 99266 was prepared and subsequently approved by the Board on May 19, 2006 to initiate and award a new competitive requirements contract with a two-year base and three one-year options. However, based upon engineering testing, it was determined that ABC was the only vendor whose bonding and riveting procedures and materials met the testing parameters and WMATA technical specifications. Therefore, due to the test results and ongoing review and analysis of braking performance, the present MEAD was written to replace MEAD 99266. The present MEAD requests a sole source award to ABC and changes the period of performance to a one-year base with four one-year options. The rebuilt and new brake shoes must be both bonded and riveted in accordance with WMATA technical specifications.

As part of the continuing efforts to streamline the procurement process and meet customer needs in a more responsive manner, programmatic approval is requested to modify the contract as necessary to accommodate changes in demand and add different bonded/riveted brake shoes or delete existing ones. Due to the length of the contract and evolving efforts to improve braking performance, demand may fluctuate and different bonded/riveted brake shoes may be added to inventory and existing ones deleted to meet customer requirements. Flexibility to respond to these requirements in a timely manner is essential to maintaining adequate material support.

FUNDING IMPACT

Budget: Inventory - Operating Budget, FY 2007 - FY 2012

Office: Support Operations - Bus Maintenance

Account: Materials and Supplies - Bus Maintenance

This action: \$11,250,000

One-year base: \$2,250,000

Option Year 1: 2,250,000*

Option Year 2: 2,250,000*

Option Year 3: 2,250,000*

Option Year 4: 2,250,000*

* Subject to Board approval of funding for future fiscal years

RECOMMENDATION

Board approval to solicit and award a sole source requirements contract with a one-year base and four one-year options to ABC for rebuilt and new bonded/riveted brake shoes and approval to exercise the four one-year options subject to Board approval of funding for future fiscal years. Further, recommend the Board grant programmatic approval to modify the bonded/riveted brake shoe contract over the period of performance as necessary to meet changes in demand and changes in the line item inventory of bonded/riveted brake shoes within the funding limitations set forth above.