

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority
Board Action/Information Summary** Action
 InformationMEAD Number:
99685Resolution:
 Yes No**PURPOSE**

To obtain Board approval to issue a final contract modification for the multi-year replacement of dry standpipe fire suppression system contract FH3802.

DESCRIPTION

Contract FH3802 was awarded to Twigg Corporation in the amount of \$3,380,000 for labor, material, and equipment to replace the dry standpipe fire suppression systems within the tunnel areas on the Red Line between the Metro Center station and the Bethesda station. Following award, Twigg Corporation was purchased by a firm that subsequently filed for bankruptcy, whereby completion of the work was assumed by the bonding company, Safeco Insurance Company of America. The bonding company subcontracted with Arica Consulting & Contracting, LLC to complete the work remaining in the contract.

The original contract specified that all work related to the replacement of dry standpipe within the tunnel areas must be accomplished during non-revenue hours for safe track access. When the contract was awarded in 1999, seven hours of work per night of non-revenue access was available. Following award, the Authority changed the revenue operation hours, which significantly affected the available work window as contained in the original contract. Extended revenue hours on weekends, coupled with the remaining work in the double tunnel section of the Red line resulted in availability of only two hours each night. This made the original contract impossible to execute. The combination of the work hour changes and the issues with the failed contractor resulted in stopping the work, closing the contract and completing the work using a different access method in a follow-on contract.

In order to mitigate further delay costs, two change orders were issued: Pending Change Order 008 - Delays June 2003 through May 2005 and Pending Change Order 009 - Deletion of Dry Standpipe systems at various locations. Negotiation resulted in a net value change to the contract in the amount of \$220,000 (add \$353,096, credit \$133,096). The value of the contract is \$3,735,475.

PRIOR APPROVALS

On February 12, 1998, the Board approved to initiate a competitive procurement contract to replace the dry standpipe fire suppression systems from the Metro Center station to the Bethesda station on the Red Line.

On July 8, 1999, the Board approved the award of the multi-year Replacement of Dry Standpipe Fire Suppression Systems Contract FH3802 to Twigg Corporation in the amount of \$3,380,000.

FUNDING IMPACT

Infrastructure Renewal Program, Fiscal 2007-2010

Project Title is Fire Rehabilitation

Current Budget - \$4,866,372

This Action - \$220,000.00

Obligations to Date - \$1,393,180

Subtotal - \$1,613,180

Available Budget - \$3,253,193

RECOMMENDATION

To obtain Board approval to issue a final contract modification for the multi-year replacement of dry standpipe fire suppression system contract FH3802.