

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY RAIL NETWORK INTEGRATION STUDY/
AE74716-5433000**

1.	Contract Number: Task Order No. AE74716-5433000, under Contract No. PS54330007	
2.	Recommended Vendor: Chen Ryan Associates	
3.	Type of Procurement (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> IFB <input type="checkbox"/> RFP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RFP-A&E <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Task Order	
4.	Procurement Dates:	
	A. Issued: February 18, 2021	
	B. Advertised/Publicized: N/A	
	C. Pre-Proposal Conference: N/A	
	D. Proposals Due: March 18, 2021	
	E. Pre-Qualification Completed: June 4, 2021	
	F. Conflict of Interest Form Submitted to Ethics: March 18, 2021	
	G. Protest Period End Date: July 20, 2021	
5.	Solicitations Picked up/Downloaded: 12	Proposals Received: 2
6.	Contract Administrator: Lily Lopez	Telephone Number: (213) 922-4639
7.	Project Manager: Jill Liu	Telephone Number: (213) 922-7220

A. Procurement Background

This Board Action is to approve Task Order No. AE74716-5433000 for the Los Angeles County Rail Network Integration Study (Study) issued under the Countywide Planning and Development Bench Contract No. PS54330007. The Contractor shall prepare the Study for integrating Metro's existing and planned new transit corridors with SCRRA/Metrolink's programs and the anticipated California High Speed Rail (CAHSR) project investments. Board approval of task order awards are subject to resolution of all properly submitted protest(s).

The Task Order Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in accordance with Metro's Acquisition Policy and the contract type is firm fixed price. The Task Order RFP was issued with an SBE goal of 22% and a 3% DVBE goal.

There were no amendments issued during the solicitation phase of this RFP.

A pre-proposal conference was not held since this was issued to qualified members of the Countywide Planning Bench under Discipline No. 1 – Transportation Planning. No questions were asked prior to the proposal due date.

The 12 qualified members under Discipline No. 1 – Transportation received the Task order RFP and were included in the planholders list. A total of two proposals were received on March 18, 2021 from the following firms:

- AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM)

- Chen Ryan Associates (CRA)

B. Evaluation of Proposals

A Proposal Evaluation Team (PET) consisting of staff from Metro's Countywide Planning and Program Management Departments was convened and conducted a comprehensive technical evaluation of the proposals received.

The proposals were evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria and weights:

- Qualifications and Experience of the Team 25%
- Project Understanding and Approach for Implementation 50%
- Effectiveness of Management Plan 25%

The evaluation criteria are appropriate and consistent with criteria developed for other, similar procurements. Several factors were considered when developing these weights, giving the greatest importance to the project understanding and approach for implementation. The PET evaluated the proposals according to the pre-established evaluation criteria.

This is an A&E, qualifications-based procurement; therefore, price cannot be used as an evaluation factor pursuant to state and federal law.

During the period of March 22, 2021 to April 5, 2021, the PET members independently evaluated and scored the technical proposals. Both firms were within the competitive range and were invited for oral presentations on April 15, 2021, which provided each firm the opportunity to present each team's qualifications and respond to the evaluator's questions.

Following the oral presentations, the PET finalized technical scores based on both written proposals and the oral presentations. On April 19, 2021, the PET agreed that the final ranking of proposals scored CRA's proposal as the highest technically qualified. The PET concluded that CRA's proposal presented the highest level of skills, an effective management plan, and demonstrated the best understanding of the project.

Qualifications Summary of Recommended Firm:

The CRA team effectively illustrated the critical path and work plan for this Study. The CRA team demonstrated qualifications in infrastructure planning, design, and operations/service planning for numerous statewide and regional plans, including: 2018 California State Rail Plan, 2022 California State Rail Plan, California Transportation Plan 2050, LOSSAN Corridor Optimization Effort, and CAHSR Network Integration South. Locally, the CRA team personnel has worked on Metro’s 2020 Long-Range Transportation Plan, NextGen Bus Study, Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project, East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor, C Line (Green Line) to Torrance Extension, and Metro’s Transfers Design Guide.

CRA team’s proposal demonstrated experiences with the California High Speed Rail program and station area planning, performance measures/mobility matrix, and benefit/cost analysis for grant applications for US DOT and Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants. The CRA team brings an innovative approach to analyzing Los Angeles County’s rail network integration issues and opportunities.

Additionally, CRA’s proposed project manager has 30 years of experience in transit planning along with the extensive technical experience from the four subconsultants on the team.

A summary of the PET scores is provided below:

1	Firm	Average Score	Factor Weight	Weighted Average Score	Rank
2	CRA				
3	Qualifications and Experience of the Team	80.44	25.00%	20.11	
4	Project Understanding and Approach for Implementation	80.42	50.00%	40.21	
5	Effectiveness of Management Plan	77.00	25.00%	19.25	
6	Total		100.00%	79.57	1
7	AECOM				
8	Qualifications and Experience of the Team	80.00	25.00%	20.00	
9	Project Understanding and Approach for Implementation	75.42	50.00%	37.71	
10	Effectiveness of Management Plan	72.00	25.00%	18.00	
11	Total		100.00%	75.71	2

C. Cost Analysis

The recommended price of \$1,680,301 has been determined to be fair and reasonable based upon the independent cost estimate (ICE), the Project Manager's technical analysis, a cost analysis, fact finding, and negotiations.

	Proposer Name	Proposal Amount	Metro ICE	Negotiated Amount
1.	CRA	\$1,103,407	\$3,590,792	\$1,680,301

The initial proposal amount required additional level of effort for the following tasks, which resulted in a higher negotiated price:

- Task 3.0 - Baseline Conditions Report for Focused Hot Spot Areas
- Task 4.0 - Network Integration Recommendations and Benefit/Cost Assessment

D. Background on Recommended Contractor

The recommended firm, CRA, was founded in 2012 and is headquartered in San Diego, California, with a local office in Los Angeles. CRA is a transportation planning and traffic engineering firm that is both SBE and DBE certified. CRA has worked on several Metro projects and has performed satisfactorily.

The proposed team is comprised of staff from CRA and four subconsultants, of which, one is a Metro certified SBE and one is a DVBE.