

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

**7th STREET METRO CENTER TRACTION POWER SUBSTATION (TPSS)
REPLACEMENT PROJECT/ OP134899000**

1.	Contract Number: OP134899000	
2.	Recommended Vendor: L.K. Comstock National Transit, LLC	
3.	Type of Procurement (check one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IFB <input type="checkbox"/> RFP <input type="checkbox"/> RFP-A&E <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Task Order	
4.	Procurement Dates :	
	A. Issued : 8/27/2025	
	B. Advertised/Publicized: 8/27/2025	
	C. Pre-Bid Conference: 9/3/2025	
	D. Bids Due: 10/15/2025	
	E. Pre-Qualification Completed: 10/28/2025	
	F. Ethics Declaration Forms Submitted to Ethics: 10/15/2025	
	G. Protest Period End Date: 1/20/2025	
5.	Solicitations Downloaded: 62	Bids Received: 2
6.	Contract Administrator: Misty Atalanta Alderaan	Telephone Number: (213) 922-7673
7.	Project Manager: Kelvin Zan	Telephone Number: (213) 922-6788

A. Procurement Background

This Board Action is to approve the award of Contract No. OP134899000 to support the 7th Street Metro Center Traction Power Substation (TPSS) Replacement project. Board approval of contract awards is subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any.

Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. OP134899 was issued on August 27, 2025, in accordance with Metro's Acquisition Policy and the contract type is firm fixed price. The Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) recommended a 12% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and a 3% Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) goal for this procurement.

Four (4) amendments were issued during the solicitation phase of this IFB:

- Amendment No. 1, issued on September 17, 2025, extended the bid due date and revised the scope of services.
- Amendment No. 2, issued on October 13, 2025, provided a relevant drawing.

A total of 62 firms downloaded the IFB and were included in the planholders' list. A virtual pre-bid conference was held on September 3, 2025, and was attended by 29 firms. There were 262 questions received for this IFB and responses were provided prior to the bid due date.

A total of two bids were received by the due date of October 15, 2025, from the firms listed below in alphabetical order:

- Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc.
- L.K Comstock National Transit, LLC

Staff conducted a market survey of firms on the planholders' list to determine why no other bids were received. One respondent cited concerns related to the scope, contract terms and conditions, and available work windows; four firms responded that they were supporting as subcontractors or suppliers; three firms responded that the scope did not align with their services; and two firms submitted no bid responses with one firm stating that the bid due date did not provide enough time to get supplier quotes and the other firm stating that there was no work for their trade included in the scope. The results of the market survey indicated that there were no restrictive elements in the solicitation documents that prevented competition.

B. Evaluation of Bids

This procurement was conducted in accordance and complies with LACMTA's Acquisition Policy for a competitive sealed bid. The apparent lowest bidder, L.K. Comstock National Transit, LLC's bid submission was evaluated to determine responsiveness to the solicitation requirements. Areas of responsiveness include meeting all listed minimum qualifications, such as years of experience providing TPSS design, installation, testing and commissioning services, possession of a current C-10 Electrical California Contractors license and Professional Electrical Engineer Certification.

L.K. Comstock National Transit, LLC (L.K. Comstock), was determined to be responsive, responsible and met all the minimum requirements of the IFB.

C. Price Analysis

The recommended bid price from L.K. Comstock has been determined to be fair and reasonable based on price analysis, fact finding, and technical evaluation. The contractor's bid price is \$5,394,226 or 48.56% higher than Metro's Independent Cost Estimate (ICE). The ICE underestimated the costs for the DC Power Rectifier and DC Switchgear equipment and installation as well as the installation, testing, and commissioning of the AC and DC cables. Additionally, there has been increased volatility in the cost of steel and copper, including a 50% tariff on steel and aluminum imports, that have disrupted supply-chains affecting the construction industry and increasing fabrication costs. The 7th Street Metro TPSS Replacement project requires the design, manufacture, removal, and installation of new Light Rail TPSS equipment (DC Switch gear equipment, AC breaker, rectifier-transformer, and rectifier), Heavy Rail DC Switch gear, (3) DC disconnect switches near the Light Rail tunnel portal, Emergency Trip System (ETS), and all positive and negative feeder cables – equipment mainly composed of steel and copper.

Bidder Name	Metro ICE	Bid Amount
L.K. Comstock National Transit, LLC	\$11,107,349.00	\$16,501,575.00
Balfour Beatty Infrastructure	\$11,107,349.00	\$28,252,814.00

D. Background on Recommended Contractor

L.K. Comstock National Transit, LLC, founded in 1904, specializes in electrical systems and construction rail services. They have supported Metro on multiple projects as a subcontractor, including the Westside Subway extension, which was completed in 2025, and the Crenshaw/ LAX Transit Corridor completed in 2022. Reference checks confirm a strong history of positive past performance with no reported deficiencies. Overall, L.K. Comstock has demonstrated an ability to satisfactorily complete projects in a timely manner.