



Board Report

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**OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE
JUNE 17, 2021**

SUBJECT: FIRE-LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS TESTING, REPAIR AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES

ACTION: APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed unit rate Contract No. OP72918000 to Link-Nilsen Corp, to provide Fire-Life Safety systems testing, repair and certification services. The contract not-to-exceed amount is \$3,911,744 for the three-year base period, and \$1,990,280 for the one, two-year option, for a combined not-to-exceed amount of \$5,902,024, effective September 16, 2021.

ISSUE

The existing Fire-Life Safety systems testing, repair and certification contract expires September 15, 2021. To continue providing these critical services and ensure compliance with Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Regulation 4 (Reg. 4) and fire/life safety testing mandates, a new contract award is required effective September 16, 2021.

BACKGROUND

On August 25, 2016, Metro Board of Directors awarded a five-year, firm fixed unit rate Contract No. OP5766200 to Link-Nilsen Corp, to provide system-wide annual and five-year testing, calibration, repair, retesting where applicable and certification of water-based fire suppression systems. Services also include as-needed bus simple and complex fire alarm panel and related fire/life safety equipment testing, repair and certification due to the limited resources of Reg. 4 certified testers among Metro personnel.

In January 2017, an additional 484 annual rail wet systems, 136 rail facility elevators and 32 rail auto closing assemblies were added to the contract due to limited Reg. 4 certified testers among Metro personnel and to ensure compliance with the LAFD Reg. 4 and fire/life safety testing requirements.

DISCUSSION

Link Nilsen, Metro's incumbent contractor has been providing satisfactory service. Under this new contract, Link Nilsen is required to continue providing system-wide annual and five-year testing, calibration, repair, retesting where applicable and certification of water-based fire suppressions systems. Simple and complex fire alarm panels and related fire/life safety equipment testing, repair and certification services will be performed on an as-needed basis should there be limited resources of Reg. 4 certified testers among Metro personnel. These services are timely and critical, to ensure compliance with the LAFD Reg. 4 and fire/life safety testing requirements.

The Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) did not recommend a Small/Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SBE/DVBE) participation goal for this procurement due to the lack of certified small businesses that perform fire-life safety systems testing and repairs.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The approval of this item will ensure timely testing repair, and certification of the fire/life safety equipment, compliance with the Reg. 4 and fire/life safety mandated testing requirements and guidelines, and the delivery of safe and reliable services to Metro employees and patrons.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Given Board approval of the FY22 budget, funding of \$1,198,888 is included under cost center 8370 - Facilities Contracted Maintenance Services, account 50308, Service Contract Maintenance, under various projects.

Since this is a multi-year contract, the cost center manager and Sr. Executive Officer, Maintenance and Engineering will be accountable for budgeting the cost in future years.

Impact to Budget

The current source of funds for this action are Enterprise operating funds including fares and sales tax. Allocation of these funds maximizes their intended use given approved funding guidelines and provisions.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This Board action supports Strategic Goal 5; Provide responsive, accountable, and trustworthy governance within the Metro organization. Providing on-time fire/life safety equipment testing, repair and certification services will ensure compliance with LAFD Reg. 4 and fire/life safety testing requirements while continuing to provide a safe environment for Metro employees and patrons.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Staff considered providing this service with in-house staff. This would require the hiring and training of additional certified personnel, purchase of additional equipment, vehicles, and supplies to support the expanded responsibility. Staff's assessment indicates this is not a cost-effective option for Metro.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval by the Board, staff will execute Contract No. OP72918000 with Link-Nilsen Corp., to provide Reg. 4 and fire-life safety testing, repair and certification services effective September 16, 2021.

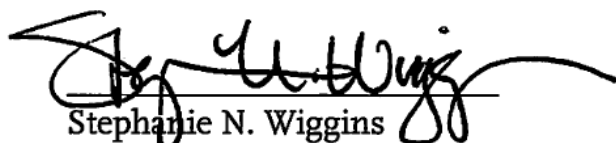
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Procurement Summary

Attachment B - DEOD Summary

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