



Board Report

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OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 21, 2019

SUBJECT: ARTIFICIAL IVY INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

ACTION: AWARD CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to award a firm fixed unit rate Contract No. OP1212080003367 to Intuitive Real Estate Solutions for a three year program, to provide heavy duty artificial ivy installation and maintenance services as a graffiti deterrent, for a not to exceed amount of \$659,198, effective March 18, 2019.

ISSUE

Staff recommends the award of a three year firm fixed unit rate contract to Intuitive Real Estate Solutions, to provide heavy duty artificial ivy installation and maintenance services as a graffiti deterrent and support Metro's long lasting practice of zero tolerance for graffiti system-wide.

BACKGROUND

In September 2016, Intuitive Real Estate Solutions reached out to Metro staff to introduce a heavy duty artificial ivy product and proposed to install it for Proof of Concept purposes.

On February 8, 2017 and April 12, 2017, the artificial ivy product was installed at two (2) Metro stations in a limited quantity. The product has been performing well in withstanding weather conditions; however, since the test areas were limited in size, product effectiveness as a graffiti deterrent require broader application at strategic locations in covering vertical surfaces at areas exposed to vandalism activities.

This program includes the installation of approximately 40,000 square feet of artificial ivy at seven locations within Metro rail system that are highly affected by graffiti. The program also includes monthly inspections and maintenance to ensure the product remains in clean and well maintained conditions, free of graffiti and any other vandalism activities.

DISCUSSION

Intuitive Real Estate Solutions is a Metro Certified SBE and has made a 97.72% SBE participation

commitment.

The heavy duty artificial ivy product proposed by Intuitive Real Estate Solutions consists of one (1) sq. ft. tiles made of 100% recycled low-density polyethylene. The ivy material is ultra violet resistant and fire retardant with a minimum life expectancy of seven (7) years in an outdoor environment, exposed to direct sunlight and other forms of inclement weather conditions.

This product is an added measure to the graffiti abatement and deterrent programs currently available at Metro.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Approval of this item will not have a direct impact on safety. This item however, will further enhance Metro stations cleanliness and overall appearance, providing aesthetically attractive and sustainable coverage for vertical surfaces while acting as a graffiti deterrent, protecting Metro's assets, and enhancing customers' transit experience.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total three year contract value is \$659,198. Funding of \$65,000 for FY19 is included in the FY19 budget under Account 50320 Contract Services and various operating 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 include Proposition A/C, Measure R/M, and Transportation Development Act. Use of these funding sources currently maximizes funding allocation given approved funding provisions and guidelines.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of this item supports the following Metro Strategic Goal 2: Deliver outstanding trip experiences for all users of the transportation system. The sustainable artificial ivy facade will contribute to improving facilities' overall condition and cleanliness.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Staff considered installation and maintenance of heavy duty artificial ivy as a graffiti deterrent throughout Metro facilities utilizing Metro in-house staff. This method would require the hiring of additional personnel, and purchase of additional equipment, vehicles, and supplies to support this program. Staff's assessment indicates that this method is not a cost-effective option for Metro.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval by the Board, staff will execute Contract No. OP1212080003367 with Intuitive Real Estate Solutions, effective March 18, 2019, for a three-year program to provide heavy duty artificial ivy installation and maintenance services.

ATTACHMENTS

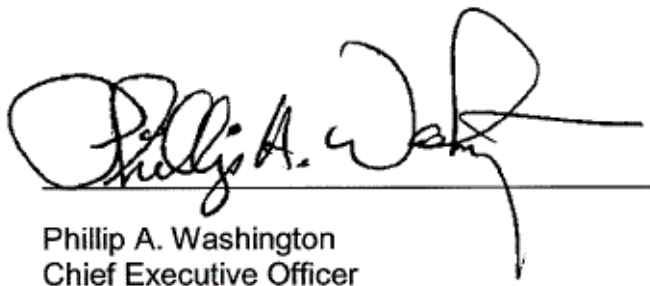
Attachment A - Artificial Ivy Installation Pictures

Attachment B - Procurement Summary

Attachment C - DEOD Summary

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