SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M98-46

A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract for Environmental Assessment Services with Shannon & Wilson Inc. The contract will be for an initial term of one (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year terms. Total award of these contracts will not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

BACKGROUND:

In order to build a high-capacity transit system consisting of commuter rail service, light rail service, and a program of regional bus service, HOV improvements and park-and-ride facilities throughout the central Puget Sound region, it will be necessary for Sound Transit to acquire real property. The Federal Transit Administration, and Sound Transit's adopted Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Policies, Procedures and Guidelines, require Sound Transit to exercise "due diligence" in seeking and evaluating the risks of contamination on each property prior to acquisition. The services to be provided under this contract shall include the completion of environmental assessments of each property to be acquired and assistance to Sound Transit in evaluating remediation strategies and costs.

More than twenty (20) firms were solicited. Responses were received from fourteen (14) firms, and following review of all proposals, interviews were conducted with three (3) firms to provide environmental assessment reports on the properties to be acquired by ST for the construction of stations and related facilities on the Tacoma-to-Seattle segment of Sounder Commuter Rail. The selected firm demonstrates substantial experience with large capital projects, and with particular experience in supervising a variety of subconsultants to achieve consistent and timely results. The selected firm will supervise the overall completion of the assignment, using subconsultants as necessary, with a commitment to provide full integration of M/W/DBE and local-area sub-contracting opportunities. The procurement of these consultant services have been in accordance with Sound Transit's and other applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and procedures.

MOTION:

It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director be authorized to execute a contract for Environmental Assessment Services with Shannon and Wilson, Inc. in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). The contract will be for an initial term of two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year terms.

Approved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof on the 18th day of 1000, 1998.

ATTEST:

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Board Administrator

Greg Nickels Finance Committee Chair

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