

SOUND TRANSIT
MOTION NO. M2002-105

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a sole source contract with Bruce Allen & Associates to provide interim appraisal services for a period of six months for Regional Express and Commuter Rail capital projects in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Background:

In August 1999, Arthur Andersen was selected through a competitive procurement process to provide certain acquisition/relocation, appraisal, and environmental services for Regional Express and Commuter Rail. The Finance Committee approved the subsequently negotiated contract with Arthur Andersen in the amount of \$4.9 million to provide these services on March 16, 2000. Bruce Allen & Associates, one of the three main service providers, subcontracted with Arthur Andersen to provide appraisal services. The contract was for a term of 2 years, with annual options to renew. Recently, the Seattle office of Arthur Andersen was closed. After consultation with the Federal Transportation Administration, the Arthur Anderson contract was terminated on July 12, 2002.

Bruce Allen & Associates, subcontracted under the Arthur Anderson contract to provide appraisal services. The contract was for a term of 2 years, with annual options to renew. While the contract has been terminated, Sound Transit still needs the services provided by Bruce Allen Associates. Requests for Proposals (RFP's) have been initiated on an accelerated basis to replace the Arthur Anderson contract.

This interim contract is intended to cover Sound Transit's needs until new competitively procured contracts are in place. Failure to procure the appraisal services until the new contracts are in place puts schedule and, in some cases, budget, at risk on multiple projects. Under this interim contract, the contractor's efforts will be directed by work orders that define the authorized work and maximum dollar expenditure for each task. Once the new competitive procurements have been completed, all new work would be undertaken by the new contractors, and existing work would be closed out and/or transferred as rapidly as possible (in an orderly, cost effective manner). A six-month period for the contract should provide ample time to close out the proposed sole source contract.

Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a sole source contract with Bruce Allen & Associates to provide interim appraisal services for a period of six months for Regional Express and Commuter Rail capital projects in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on September 12, 2002.



Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator