



MOTION NO. M2016-128

Contract for On-Call Safety and Security Auditing Services

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Capital Committee	12/08/2016	Final Action	Salah Al-Tamimi, SQA Director Mohammad Saleem, Senior Quality System Manager

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a three-year contract with five one-year options to extend with Talson Solutions, LLC to provide on-call project independent Safety and Security Certification Auditing services for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- Independent Safety and Security assurance is required by the Federal Transit Administration on federally funded projects and by the Washington State Department of Transportation, Rail Transit Safety Division.
- Under this contract, Talson Solutions, LLC will provide auditing services that meet the objectives of Safety and Security Certification audits to ensure:
 - System hazards are effectively identified, analyzed, rated and mitigated to acceptable levels;
 - System safety considerations are sufficiently included in design criteria;
 - System safety design criteria are sufficiently included in project designs;
 - System safety aspects of projects, equipment and operational considerations are sufficiently completed according to designs;
 - Standard Operating Procedures are developed to support safety hazard mitigations for projects;
 - Standard Maintenance Procedures are developed to support safety hazard mitigations for projects; and
 - Training is conducted to minimize risk and mitigate safety hazards.
- Services under this on-call contract will be authorized through the issuance of individual task orders that will define the detailed scope and schedule of the work to be performed. Each task order will be negotiated with the consultant and funding will come from established project budgets for which services are being provided.
- The contract amount requested is intended to cover the full contract execution period including the initial three years and five one year additions.

BACKGROUND

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FISCAL INFORMATION

This on-call contract will be used for Sounder, ST Express, Link, and other system expansion projects. Funding associated with this contract will come from the final design and construction phase within the overall capital project budgets. The services described in the proposed action will be assigned on a task order basis after available budget is verified. Since the proposed services will be assigned on an as-needed basis, the distribution of costs will be determined as project schedules and budgets are established.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Sound Transit promotes and encourages small business participation, which also includes Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Consistent with Sound Transit Policies and Federal Regulations, Sound Transit has established Small Business/DBE goals for this contract. These goals are based upon an examination of subcontracting opportunities contained in the work of this contract and the number of Small Businesses/DBEs available to perform such subcontracting work.

For this specific contract, there were no participation goals were set because the of the on call nature of the work.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the capital construction contracts schedule.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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LEGAL REVIEW

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It is hereby moved by the Capital Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a three-year contract with five one-year options to extend with Talson Solutions, LLC to provide on-call project independent Safety and Security Certification Auditing services for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.

APPROVED by the Capital Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 8, 2016.


Fred Butler
Capital Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator