



Motion No. M2022-53

Contract Modification with WSP for the On-Call General Engineering Consultant Services

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
System Expansion Committee	07/14/2022	Final action	Ron Lewis, DECM Executive Director Jon Mihkels, Director – Buildings and Infrastructure Beverly Cobb Zahir, Project Manager

Proposed action

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with WSP USA, Inc. to increase the contract amount for on-call general engineering consultant services in the amount of \$5,000,000 for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.

Key features summary

- The on-call general engineering consultant services contract supports Sound Transit by providing services such as project management, design and engineering, permitting, right-of-way engineering and construction management.
- This on-call professional services contract managed by Design Engineering and Construction Management (DECM) supports design and engineering services requests from throughout the agency including Planning Environmental Project Development (PEPD), Project Services Office (PSO), Information Technology (IT) and Operations to support the System Expansion Implementation Plan, State of Good Repair and Non-expansion projects and to respond in a timely manner to urgent situations.
- This action increases the contract value available for additional task orders. Services under this contract are assigned by issuing task orders funded through existing project and operating budgets.
- Additional funding authority is required for the current five-year term of the contract to continue the provision of on-call professional services that have proven to be efficient, flexible and responsive to agency needs.

Background

DECM staff manages the on-call general engineering consultant contract. DECM included broad professional engineering services into one procurement that resulted in two comprehensive on-call contracts to meet the agency's needs for professional design, engineering, permitting and construction management services in comprehensive manner. The task order model of the on-call contract has proved to be a responsive and flexible way for projects to meet professional design and engineering needs and has been increasingly utilized.

The on-call contract currently provides professional services across the agency from advancing early works for capital expansion projects in planning, readying surplus properties for transit oriented

development to providing specialized engineering expertise. The agency has achieved cost, time and resource savings by reducing the number of procurements and amount of contract management through this successful contracting approach. The contract supports maintaining existing Sound Transit staff levels by augmenting current staff with on-call resources.

The request to increase the value of this contract is to meet the agency’s continued on-call professional services needs within the existing base term of the contract.

Environmental review and approval would occur prior to ‘final design’ as needed, through Sound Transit in-house contract approval procedures.

Procurement information

The services were competitively procured in 2019, using the request for qualifications process, appropriate for architect-engineer professional services. Sound Transit received five proposals in response to the solicitation. WSP USA, Inc., was determined to be one of the top two most qualified and advantageous proposers and was therefore awarded this contract.

This is one of two on-call general engineering consultant services contracts that were authorized to be awarded by Motion No. M2019-32. Separate contracts were awarded in order to alleviate conflict of interest concerns and has provided additional capacity to meet agency needs.

WSP USA, Inc. is providing professional services as requested to the Agency supporting such tasks as system maintenance and repair projects, providing subject matter expert support to existing Sound Transit staff and engineering services for systems and right of way.

The requested amount was determined to be a reasonable increase in contract value to meet the immediate needs of the agency in anticipation of future on-call contracts. Each task order identifies a specific scope of work and schedule, with a not-to-exceed cost negotiated with the consultant utilizing contract rates and funding source identified before execution.

Fiscal information

The funding for work under this contract is being provided by capital project, operating, and/or department budgets. The services described in this action have been assigned on a task order basis after the available budget is verified. The services are rendered on an as-needed basis, the distribution of costs is determined as each task order is executed. This action does not have an impact on the affordability of the Agency’s Finance Plan.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Participation by small businesses and disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs)

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, WSP has committed to the following small business/DBE participation:

Small business/DBE participation commitments	
Small business: 15.0%	DBE: 14.9%
To date: 16.15%	To Date: 13.63%

The commitments described above for the contract will be extended to include the changes described in this action.

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action.

Time constraints

A one-month delay would have little or no impact on the work supported by this contract.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2019-32: Authorized chief executive officer to execute a five-year contract, with two additional two-year options to extend, with WSP to provide on-call general engineering consultant services for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$15,000,000.

Environmental review – KGF 6/30/22

Legal review – JSA 7/1/22



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APPROVED by the System Expansion Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on July 14, 2022.



Claudia Balducci
System Expansion Committee Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator