

## **SOUND TRANSIT**

### **MOTION NO. M2007-02**

A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a sole source contract with Dell, Inc. to purchase hardware for Link Light Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility projects for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.

#### **Background:**

A piggy-back agreement with Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) was proposed for Dell, Inc. hardware but rejected by WSCA because of federal grants clauses required for this Link project. Nevertheless, Dell, Inc. has agreed to use the WSCA pricing. Using the WSCA pricing allows Sound Transit to take advantage of a 15% to 40% discount afforded by this multi-agency procurement mechanism.

Sound Transit has procured technology hardware through a similar method for the past three years, each with an annual contract to cover the year's expected expenses.

#### **Sole Source Justification**

Three years ago, after interviewing three companies selected by WSCA for hardware solutions, Sound Transit selected Dell, Inc. as its hardware platform and as its technology and computer hardware vendor. Sound Transit selected one vendor to simplify its maintenance and support needs. Since that time, Sound Transit has standardized the agency's computer hardware platform to Dell. Dell, Inc. is the only distributor of the Dell equipment. Sound Transit must enter into a contract directly with Dell, Inc. for this purchase because the WSCA contract under which Sound Transit purchases equipment for the rest of the agency does not permit the inclusion of the federal grant clauses. Grant funding for the Link Light Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility project requires that certain federal grants clauses be part of the contract. Dell, Inc. is providing Sound Transit with the same terms and pricing as the WSCA contract in addition to the federal grant clauses.

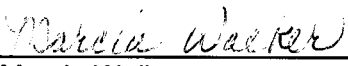
#### **Motion:**

It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a sole source contract with Dell, Inc. to purchase hardware for Link Light Rail Operations and Maintenance Facility projects for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on January 4, 2007.

  
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Fred Butler  
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator