

**MOTION NO. M2018-03**
**Contract for Sounder Commuter Rail Operations Consulting Services**

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TYPE OF ACTION:</b>	<b>STAFF CONTACT:</b>
Operations and Administration Committee	1/4/2018	Recommend to Board	Bonnie Todd, Executive Director of Operations
Board	1/25/2018	Final Action	<b>Martin Young, Commuter Rail Operations Manager</b>

**PROPOSED ACTION**

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Raul V. Bravo + Associates, Inc. for a six year term to provide Sounder commuter rail operations consulting services in the amount of \$1,866,544, with a 20 percent contingency of \$373,309, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$2,239,853, plus applicable taxes.

**KEY FEATURES SUMMARY**

- The proposed contract is for technical consulting services for Sounder cars, locomotives, and equipment.
- The scope of work includes in-plant inspections for new cars and locomotives, development of overhaul specifications for 58 legacy coach and cab cars, operational review of the new Sounder Maintenance Base, consulting expertise on operational expansion to DuPont, and on-call technical services for the Sounder fleet.
- Work on this contract will be task order based and is under the sole direction of Sound Transit.

**BACKGROUND**

Sounder has a current fleet of 14 locomotives and 67 bi-level cars that are maintained through an agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). The original coaches and cab cars, now up to 18 years old, are due for a major overhaul as part of the normal life cycle maintenance program.

A budget amendment in August 2017 also authorized the procurement of one additional used locomotive and three more coach cars, based on the need to accommodate continued system ridership growth and improve the spare ratio for increased reliability.

Within the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) program Sound Transit is planning for additional cars to be procured in support of the expansion of Sounder commuter rail service.

Raul V. Bravo + Associates, Inc. shall provide the necessary professional, technical, and clerical personnel to support the Sounder program with the following:

- Developing specifications for overhaul of 58 legacy coach and cab cars
- Performing locomotive and car in plant inspections
- Developing specifications for contracted maintenance services
- Performing operational reviews for Sounder Maintenance Base
- Developing passenger car specifications for peer agency consortium procurement
- Developing passenger car specifications for ST3 fleet procurement
- Providing on-call technical services as needed

The contract also includes on-call technical services for any potential damaged equipment; responding to any Federal Railroad Administration required fleet modifications; and any other vehicle or equipment modifications that Sound Transit requires.

All services performed under the contract will be authorized by Task Order. Task Orders issued under the contract may include, but are not limited to, Program Management and Administration, Rolling Stock Acquisition Support, Technical Consulting and Support, and Inspection and Testing. Each Task Order issued under the contract shall delineate the specific scope of work (tasks) to be performed.

**PROCUREMENT INFORMATION**

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on October 10, 2017 for these services. Three proposals were received. Proposals were evaluated by an evaluation committee and Raul V. Bravo + Associates, Inc. was recommended for award based upon their proposal being the best value for Sound Transit.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

This on-call contract would be used for Sounder capital projects. The services described in this proposed action will be assigned on an as-needed basis after available budget is verified. Since the proposed services will be assigned on an as-needed basis, the distribution of cost will be determined as project schedules require.

**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 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, the following goals were set and the successful Proposer has committed to the following Small Business Participation:

Small Business Goals  
 Sound Transit Goal: 6%  
 Commitment: 80%

<b>Subconsultant/Subcontractor</b>	<b>Business Type</b>	<b>% of Work</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Raul V. Bravo + Associates, Inc.	Small Business	70%	\$1,306,581
J. Keiser & Associates	Small Business	10%	\$ 186,654
<b>Total</b>		<b>80%</b>	<b>\$1,493,235</b>

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Not applicable to this action.

## **TIME CONSTRAINTS**

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to the project schedule.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

KH 11/27/17

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

AJP 12/29/17



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APPROVED by the Operations and Administration Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on January 4, 2018.

  
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Paul Roberts  
Operations and Administration Committee Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator