

11293. RESOLUTION 17-34 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO DRYDOCK THE M/V DELAWARE

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is a bi-state Authority of the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey that owns, operates and controls the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, the Forts Ferry and five (5) regional airports; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is embarking on a program of regular shipyard visits in order to conduct maintenance on its three ferry vessels; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is planning to consecutively send all three ferry vessels to a shipyard or shipyards during the 2017-2018 off-season; and

WHEREAS, the first of the three vessels scheduled to be drydocked this year is the M/V Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the bid opening for this project will occur on or about August 8, 2017, and Authority staff will need a reasonable amount of time to evaluate the bids that are received; and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting will not occur until September 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence, inasmuch as the initial drydocking must begin no later than November 1, 2017 in order that the work be completed in time to allow the shipyard visits for both the M/V Cape Henlopen and the M/V New Jersey, ensuring the availability of all three vessels for the 2018 peak season; and

WHEREAS, the Projects Committee reviewed this recommendation and concurs with it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby authorizes the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Executive Director, with the advice of counsel, to finalize the terms and conditions of the contract to drydock the M/V Delaware, provided that the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, and provided that the cost of the contract does not exceed the engineering estimate (\$3,744,000.00.)

A motion to approve Resolution 17-34 was made by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Commissioner Decker, and approved by a roll call vote of 8-0. The Executive Director was specifically authorized to execute this contract before the next meeting under the terms set forth in the Resolution.

Resolution 17-34 Executive Summary Sheet

Resolution: Authorizes the execution of a contract to drydock the M/V Delaware.

Committee: Projects Committee

Committee Date: July 18, 2017

Board Date: July 18, 2017

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize the execution of a contract to drydock the M/V Delaware, provided that the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and the cost does not exceed the engineering estimate (\$3,744,000.00).

Background for Resolution:

The Authority is embarking on a program of regular shipyard visits to perform maintenance on its three ferry vessels.

The Authority often solicits bids to repair one of its three ferries. This year, the Authority is planning to send all three ferry vessels to a shipyard or shipyards during the 2017-2018 off season.

The first of the three vessels scheduled to be drydocked is the M/V Delaware.

The bid opening for this drydocking will occur on or about August 8, 2017. Staff will need a reasonable amount of time to evaluate the bids that are received, and the next Commissioners meeting will not take place until September 19, 2017.

However, the drydocking must begin no later than November 1, 2017 in order that the work be completed in time to allow the shipyard visits by the other two ferry vessels, the M/V Cape Henlopen and the M/V New Jersey and ensure the availability of all three vessels for the 2018 peak season.

This resolution therefore grants permission to award a contract to drydock the M/V Delaware without further Board action, so long as the award is made to the lowest responsible bidder, up to a maximum cost of \$3,744,000.00, which is the engineering estimate.