

**10965. RESOLUTION 15-20 – AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 01-84 FOR THE PERIOD, JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015**

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) adopted Resolution 01-84 requiring Commissioner review and approval of all Authority expenditures in excess of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Authority anticipates expenditures at or over the \$25,000 amount to the following vendors:

DELAWARE RIVER & BAY AUTHORITY  
PROJECTED VENDORS TO BE PAID OVER \$25,000  
OPERATION EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/15 THROUGH 12/31/15

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>PURCHASE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>ESTIMATED \$</b>
Activu	Emergency Response Display Equipment for DMB Police Dispatch	Sole Source	\$342,000
DVL Group, Inc.	Air Cooling Unit for DMB Admin Building Data Center	Proprietary	\$ 34,000
Garaventa USA, Inc.	New Wheelchair Lift for M/V New Jersey	Quotes	\$ 27,000
US Foods, Inc.	Outdoor Furniture and Fencing for CMLF Terminals	Quotes	\$ 44,000
Watson Dispatch	Emergency Response Center Consoles for DMB Police Dispatch	Sole Source	\$ 45,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority authorizes expenditures to the above-listed vendors for the described purposes and authorizes payment.

A motion to approve Resolution 15-20 was made by Commissioner Ford and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Resolution 15-20 was approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

## **Resolution 15-20 – Executive Summary Sheet**

**Resolution:** Authorizing Authority Expenditures Pursuant to Resolution 01-84 for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

**Committee:** Budget & Finance

**Committee and Board Date:** May 19, 2015

### **Purpose of Resolution:**

Authorizes the expenditures of \$25,000 or greater with the identified vendor(s) for the calendar year.

### **Background for Resolution:**

The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of Resolution 01-84, whereby the Authority shall not enter into any contract committing the Authority to spend or make any other expenditures relating to services, material and supplies in the amount of \$25,000 or more unless it has first been approved by a vote of Commissioners.

### **Background for the specific purchases:**

#### Emergency Response Display Equipment for DMB Police Dispatch:

As part of the Police Control Room Renovation Project as shown in the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan, the DRBA will be purchasing specialized monitoring equipment for use at the DMB Police Control Room. The existing equipment and console, installed in 1998, has become obsolete and requires replacement. In order to facilitate this, display software must be chosen to integrate, display, interact and be made available to a dispatcher from a single-seat location. The capabilities of this video collaboration software provides an IP-based solution that integrates all of the Authority's existing subsystems, several advance features for remote visibility, and provides scalability for future growth. Activu's services include software engineering for custom integration of our systems, furnishing all hardware and equipment, installation and labor for programming, training, licenses and warranties. The project consultant and designer, HNTB, has designed high-profile dispatch centers throughout the U.S. and specifically calls for the Activu system in the project design plans, hence the "sole source" classification of this purchase.

#### Air Cooling Unit for DMB Admin Building Data Center:

The Authority will be purchasing a 4th Liebert computer room air conditioning (CRAC) unit and iCOM Controller upgrades for installation at the DMB Administration Building Data Center. Once installation is complete, the three

existing and one new Liebert units will be programmed to function as one “team” resulting in significant energy savings. This purchase is classified as proprietary in order to ensure that the new and existing CRAC units are compatible with each other.

#### New Wheelchair Lift for M/V New Jersey:

The Authority will be purchasing and installing a new wheelchair lift between decks 2 and 3 of the M/V New Jersey. The vendor from whom the purchase is made will be required to provide, install test and certify the equipment. The Authority solicited quotes from three (3) vendors: Garaventa USA Inc., Abby Lifts and Kencor Elevator Systems.

Abby Lifts submitted the lowest bid for the equipment. Both Abby Lifts and Garaventa Lift have supplied similar equipment that is currently in use on other Authority vessels. The Director of Ferry Operations has expressed interest in to purchasing the equipment from Garaventa (+\$1,300), which has proven to be a more robust unit and offers better weather resistance. Resolution 98-31 2.e. states:

*All materiel and supply contracts...are to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder unless, in the opinion of the Authority or its delegated representative, the interest of the Authority is better served by awarding the contract to another bidder.*

#### Outdoor Furniture and Fencing for CMLF Terminals:

The Authority will be purchasing new outdoor patio furniture and lattice privacy fencing for both On the Rocks locations at the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminals. The Authority solicited quotes from four (4) vendors: US Foods Inc., Central Restaurant, Adams-Burch and Sysco. US Foods Inc. submitted the lowest bid for the products.

#### Emergency Response Center Consoles for DMB Police Dispatch:

As part of the Police Control Room Renovation Project as shown in the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan, the DRBA will be purchasing Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) consoles from Watson Dispatch. The console is specifically designed to withstand a decade or more of 24/7 use in the rigorous environment of an emergency-response center. This vendor is recommended by a DRBA committee consisting of DRBA Police, internal staff and communications personnel, who after visiting several Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Communications Centers throughout our region, has named Watson Dispatch as the sole manufacturer with the ability will meet our needs. Watson Dispatch products are manufactured in the USA.

#### **Classification Definitions:**

**Quotes.** A purchase of equipment, manual labor, supplies, construction management, or construction work that is anticipated to cost between \$25,000 and \$49,999 during a calendar year and for which the Authority has solicited written quotes. *“Contracts for materiel and supplies and non-professional services, awarded to any [vendor for an amount of] more than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000 in the aggregate require the solicitation of three written quotes or all available sources, whichever is less...”* (DRBA Resolution 98-31 Part 4)

**Proprietary.** A purchase necessary to support or maintain existing Authority equipment for which a vendor has the right to prohibit an equivalent product from being supplied. Similar products or services may be available, however the Authority must purchase from the original equipment manufacturer or service provider to uphold a contract, warranty, etc. A proprietary specification restricts the acceptable product or service to one manufacturer or vendor; however the product or service may be available from more than one distributor.

**Sole Source.** A purchase in which a single vendor is uniquely qualified to meet the Authority’s procurement objective. Examples include a product or service being the only one that will meet a need and available from only one source, products specifically required for use in conjunction with a grant or contract, or products or services controlled or mandated by a local utility, government or exclusive distributor. All sole source purchases are proprietary, however not all proprietary purchases are sole source. *“A contract may be awarded without competition if the General Manager or Director of Operations of an Authority facility, or Police Administrator, prior to procurement, determines in writing that there is only one source for the required contract”.* (DRBA Resolution 98-31 Part 2.f.)