



**NORTHERN INDIANA COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

August 11, 2021

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Public Session – 1:00 p.m. (CST)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe McGuinness
Jeff Good

Andrew Kostielney
Jerome Prince

Jim Arnold

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

Michael Noland
Chuck Lukmann, Esq.

Justice Anderson
Tony Siegmund

Steve Plesha
Kelly Wenger

CALL TO ORDER

Chuck Lukmann, NICTD's General Counsel, called the meeting to order. Mr. Lukmann requested a roll call. Joe McGuinness, Andrew Kostielney, Jeff Good, and Jim Arnold attended electronically. Jerome Prince joined the meeting electronically shortly after attendance was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PURCHASING

Tony Siegmund, NICTD's Purchasing Manager, presented one recommendation to the Board. The purchasing item is listed in the recommendations that follow and the Board's vote was requested at the end of the recommendation.

The first item was a bid for Double Track Project 7 – Exclusion Fencing. Two bids were received as a result of the procurement request. The bids were evaluated for responsiveness. In this review it was determined that the apparent low bidder was deemed non-responsive. Therefore Staff recommended that Great Lakes Contractor Services, Inc. of Valparaiso, Indiana be awarded the Contract for Double Track Project 7 in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand, Five Hundred Two Dollars and 00/100 (\$380,502.00). The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Double Track Project 7 at his discretion, subject to RDA and IFA approval.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for Double Track Project 7 – Exclusion Fencing at his discretion, seconded by Mr. Prince and on roll call vote the motion passed unanimously

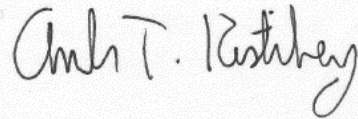
OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Noland updated the board on Double Track Construction Project 1. Bids were out to the public Thursday, August 5, and are due back in October 1.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2021. Mr. Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Prince, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew T. Kostielney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Andrew Kostielney, Secretary



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Double Track NWI Project:

Bids:

- **Double Track Project 7 – Exclusion Fencing**

RECOMMENDATION
Double Track - Project 7
Exclusion Fencing
 August 11, 2021

A. SCOPE

The District has requested bids for Double Track Project 7 – Exclusion Fencing. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for Double Track Project 7 was advertised throughout the region and nationally. The legal advertisements were placed in the following publications:

- News Dispatch - Michigan City, Indiana
- Chesterton Tribune – Chesterton, Indiana
- The Times - Hammond, Indiana
- Gary Crusader - Gary, Indiana
- South Bend Tribune - South Bend, Indiana
- NICTD Plan Room

2. Bid Review

A total of thirty-six (36) packets were requested for Project prior to the bid opening. The request resulted in the receipt of two (2) bids.

3. DBE & Required Forms

The bids were evaluated for responsiveness to determine if they could be accepted for further review.

It was determined that one firm submitted all the necessary forms and was approved by the appropriate NICTD staff. All forms have been correctly submitted and were found to be within the guidelines set forth by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The second firm did not complete all necessary forms and was deemed unresponsive.

Bidder	Qual Stmt	Bid Bond	Vet Empl.	Buy America	Proc. Integrity	Rest. Lobby	Debarment	DBE %	Non-Disc.	Drug Free	E-Verify	Iran Invst.	Form 96
Great Lakes Contractor Services, Inc. Valparaiso, Indiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	60%	X	X	X	X	X
1 st American Construction & Development, Inc. Gary, Indiana	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	-

C. ENGINEERING REVIEW & PRICE ANALYSIS

The Bids were evaluated for responsiveness to the technical specifications. One bidder was responsive and met the technical specifications.

The lowest responsive and responsible bid for Double Track Project 7 is \$380,502.00. This is 9.9% (\$34,277.19) more than the engineer’s estimate of \$346,224.81.

Great Lakes Contractor Services, Inc.’s DBE amount is 60% (\$228,301.20).

Company	Total Bid Amount
Great Lakes Contractor Services, Inc.	\$380,502.00

D. COMPLETION

Great Lakes Contractor Services, Inc. can meet the District’s completion schedule for October 2021.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that Great Lakes Contractor Services, Inc. of Valparaiso, Indiana be awarded the Contract for Double Track Project 7 in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand, Five Hundred Two Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$380,502.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Double Track Project 7 at his discretion, subject to RDA and IFA approval.