



NORTHERN INDIANA COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

March 29, 2021

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Public Session – 10:30 a.m. (CST)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Arnold

Andrew Kostielney

Jerome Prince

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

Michael Noland

Tony Siegmund

Justice Anderson

Chuck Lukmann, Esq.

Nicole Barker

Vic Babin

Connor Nolan

Steve Plesha

Derrick Wright

Kelly Wenger

Jessie Watts

CALL TO ORDER

Chuck Lukmann, NICTD's General Counsel, called the meeting to order. Mr. Lukmann requested a roll call. Jim Arnold, Andrew Kostielney, and Jerome Prince were present. Joe McGuinness and Jeff Good were absent.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Arnold requested a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021. Mr. Kostielney made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of January 25, 2021, Mr. Prince seconded, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 21-05 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE DOUBLE TRACK NWI PROJECT

Mr. Lukmann introduced Resolution 21-05 Awarding a Contract for the Double Track NWI Project. NICTD has determined to design and construct certain elements of the Project utilizing the Design-Bid-Build method. The Double Track Project is being let through five (5) separate bid procurements to increase competition and contractor participation. The parking lot expansion at the Dune Park Station was let as Project #5, for which bids were received on March 11, 2021 from two (2) responsible bidders. NICTD's staff recommended to the board Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. NICTD requested the Board's approval to award the contract for Double Track Project #5 to Rieth-Riley Construction Co. Inc., in the total amount of Four Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and 00/100 (\$439,278.00) and to authorize NICTD's President to execute the construction contract for Double Track Project # 5, and to issue a notice to proceed, at his discretion.

Mr. Kostielney made a motion to approve Resolution 21-05 Awarding a Contract for the Double Track NWI Project, Mr. Prince seconded, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 21-06 CONFIRMING THE DISTRICT'S PURCHASE OF TWO PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY FOR THE DOUBLE TRACK NWI PROJECT

Mr. Lukmann introduced Resolution 21-06 Confirming The District's Purchase of Two Properties Owned by the City of Michigan City for the Double Track NWI Project. NICTD is in the process of acquiring land for the construction of the Double Track NWI Project. NICTD submitted a Uniform Property Acquisition Offer to Michigan City for the two (2) City-owned parcels at fair market value. In addition, NICTD provided the City of with a copy of the appraisals for each of the parcels. A transfer or exchange of property may be made with a governmental entity upon terms and conditions agreed upon by the entities as evidenced by adoption of a substantially identical resolution by each entity. Such a transfer may be made for any amount of real property, cash, or other personal property, as agreed upon by the entities. On March 1, 2021, the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety adopted Resolution No. 2819 approving and authorizing the transfer of the properties on Chicago Street (DT-63) and W. 10th Street (DT-136) to the District. NICTD recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 21-06 that is identical to the Resolution No. 2189 adopted by the Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety.

Mr. Prince made a motion to approve Resolution 21-06 Confirming the District's Purchase of Two Properties Owned by the City of Michigan City for the Double Track NWI Project., Mr. Kostielney seconded, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 21-07 CONFIRMING THE DISTRICT'S PURCHASE OF THREE PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF GARY FOR THE DOUBLE TRACK NWI PROJECT

Mr. Lukmann introduced Resolution 21-07 Confirming the District's Purchase of Three Properties Owned by the City of Gary for the Double Track NWI Project. Additionally, NICTD submitted a Uniform Property Acquisition Offer to the City of Gary for three (3) City-owned parcels at fair market value. NICTD provided the City with a copy of the appraisals for each of the parcels. It was anticipated that a resolution would be presented to the Gary Board of Public Works and Safety and the Gary Redevelopment Commission, which will each be substantially identical to Resolution 21-07, accepting the Uniform Property Acquisition Offers to the City for (DT-3 / DT-3A) 5401 E. Dunes Highway & 5438 Melton Road, (DT-95)5929 E. Dunes Highway, and (DT-134) 5847 E. Dunes Highway, for \$13,350, \$22,000, and \$80. NICTD recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 21-07 so that the Gary Board of Public Works and Safety and Gary Redevelopment Commission can adopt an identical resolution.

Mr. Kostielney made a motion to approve Resolution 21-07 Confirming the District's Purchase of Three Properties Owned by the City of Gary for the Double Track NWI Project, Mr. Prince seconded, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously

PURCHASING (Procurement Recommendation Packet Attached)

Tony Siegmund, NICTD's Purchasing Manager, presented five bid recommendations to the Board. The purchasing items are 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 Rail Upgrade. The project consists of removing existing 100# rail and installing 115# rail for 11 miles of track from mile post (MP) 10.3 - MP 15 and MP 19.2 - MP 25.6. The Staff recommended that Frontier Railroad Services LLC of New Stanton, PA be awarded the Contract for Rail Upgrade in the amount of Nine Hundred Forty-Four Thousand,

Twelve Dollars and 00/100 (\$944,012.00). The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Rail Upgrade at his discretion. Mr. Kostielney made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for Rail Upgrade at his discretion, seconded by Mr. Prince, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The second item was a bid for Tie Plates to be used in the upcoming Rail Upgrade project. The Staff recommended that A&K Railroad Materials of Valparaiso, IN be awarded the Contract for Tie Plates in the amount of Seven Hundred Ten Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and 00/100 (\$710,424.00). The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Tie Plates at his discretion. Mr. Kostielney made a motion to grant authority to the President to issue a Notice to Proceed for Tie Plates, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The third item was a bid for Ties to be used in the 2021 construction season. The Staff recommended that Natural Wood Solutions of Indianapolis, Indiana, be awarded the Contract for Ties in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars and 00/100 (\$357,780.00). The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Ties at his discretion. Mr. Kostielney made a motion to grant authority to the President to issue a Notice to Proceed for Ties at his discretion, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The fourth item was a bid for Digital Video Recorder Systems. The Staff recommended that Railhead Corporation of Burr Ridge, IL, be awarded the Contract for Digital Video Recorder Systems in the amount of One Million, Six Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Fifty-Seven Dollars and 00/100 (\$1,647,057.00). The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Digital Video Recorder Systems at his discretion. Mr. Prince made a motion to grant authority to the President to issue a Notice to Proceed for Digital Video Recorder Systems, seconded by Mr. Kostielney, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Approved in Resolution 20-05 was the fifth item for Double Track Project 5 to expand the East Parking lot at Dune Park Station in Chesterton, Indiana. The Staff recommended that Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. of Goshen, Indiana be awarded the Contract for Double Track Project 5 in the amount of Four Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and 00/100 (\$439,278.00). This procurement was approved under Resolution 21-05 Awarding a Contract for the Double Track NWI Rail Project.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Double Track NWI Update

Mr. Noland gave a brief update on the Double Track Project. NICTD is in the process of reviewing and answering questions received from potential bidders for the Double Track main contract. The anticipated bid opening is anticipated for May 4th. NICTD's goal is to have a Notice to Proceed at the end of May and start construction in early-June.

NICTD staff continues to work on real estate acquisition, relocation, and utility relocation in preparation for construction.

West Lake Corridor Project Update

Mr. Noland gave a brief update on the West Lake Corridor Project. NICTD staff continues to work on utility relocation in preparation for construction. NICTD has almost obtained all the property necessary for the West Lake Corridor Project. West Lake is a design-build project. Engineering design continues to advance by F.H. Paschen/Ragnar Benson. NICTD is working closely with the F.H. Paschen/Ragnar Benson team to review any requests for information or plan design issues. NICTD anticipates constructions will begin late-summer or early-fall.

In addition, the latest relief bill from Washington shows that both projects received additional funding. This means that the local share can decrease and the federal share will increase.

COVID-19 Operations/Status

Mr. Noland gave a brief update on COVID-19 Operations. NICTD continues to review the Sanitized for rider Safety program to make NICTD's ride safer. NICTD will continue to require masks. Governor Holcomb announced he would lift the statewide mask mandate and remaining COVID-19 business restrictions starting April 6. However, the mask mandate continues on the South Shore Line due to the extension of the federal Transportation Security Administration mandate for masks to be worn by employees and riders.

On March 4, a 33-year-old man boarded South Shore Line westbound Train 114 in Hammond, Indiana. When asked to pay for his ticket by the collector, the man refused and began to get extremely agitated. The collector quickly worked to de-escalate the situation and called the conductor for help. The offender became aggressive despite multiple attempts by the collector and conductor to calm him down. In accordance with his training, and to protect passengers and crew, the conductor requested police backup to resolve the situation. A Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District Transit Police Officer was in close proximity at the time and met the train at the Hegewisch Station in Chicago around 8:06 a.m. The officer attempted to peacefully resolve the situation but was unsuccessful. The offender became aggressive, attacking the officer and putting the officer's health and safety, as well as the health and safety of others, in grave jeopardy. After a struggle with the offender, the officer was forced to discharge his weapon. Both the officer and the offender were injured and were transported to different hospitals. At this time, the NICTD Transit Officer has been treated for his injuries and has been released. The offender remains hospitalized and no further information on his condition is known at this time.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NICTD AND THE RDA FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANT FROM THE FTA

Mr. Lukmann briefly summarized the Memorandum of Understanding. The main objective of the TDD and the RDA is to focus on transit oriented development making Northwest Indiana a more attractive place for people to live. As funding for the Double Tracking Northwest Indiana and the West Lake Corridor projects has been secured, the transit oriented development will further ensure that the local communities are best prepared for projected growth as a result of the projects. The transit oriented development planning grant will ensure that all communities plan with the objectives as identified within the grant to develop one cohesive plan.

As transit oriented development planning is one of the primary objectives of the RDA, the contract for the transit oriented development will be managed by the RDA. NICTD designates Sherri Ziller, or her successor, as the Project Manager of all professional services contracts funded under the Transit Oriented Development Planning grant and Kelly Wenger, or her successor, as the Contract Officer of all professional services contracts funded under the Transit Oriented Development Planning grant. The total local share required to match the Federal Transit Administration transit oriented development planning grant secured by NICTD is \$300,000. The RDA is committed to provide non-federal matching funds of \$270,000 with the remaining \$30,000 to be paid by NICTD representing the 20% non-federal share of the transit oriented development planning grant. NICTD will be responsible for paying the contractors and then invoice the RDA for their respective share of the local match.

The RDA and NICTD will work jointly to secure all professional services necessary to meet the work identified within the grant.

NICTD requested the Board's consideration in approval of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Kostielney made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between NICTD and the RDA for the Purpose of Implementing the Transit Oriented Development Planning Grant from the FTA, seconded by Mr. Prince, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously

TICKET SALES, ADVERTISING, AND MARKETING REPORT

Nicole Barker, NICTD Director of Capital Investment & Implementation, presented the **Ticket Sales, Advertising and Marketing Report**. Ms. Barker discussed the changes in ticket sales. NICTD is down about 78.6% in ticket sales compared to last year.

NICTD continues to engage with riders through social media. I spy on the South Shore Line has received quite a bit of engagement. Spot what is missing or what shouldn't be in the image, and the first one to guess it correctly wins free tickets

The South Shore Line continue to run the Buy 1, Get 1 monthly ticket. Tickets purchased for the month of March will remain valid throughout April 2021.

Bikes on Trains will open back up on April 1.

Chicago ballparks are reopening at 20% capacity. The Chicago Cubs will begin their 2021 season on April 1 and the Chicago White Sox on April 8.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Ms. Wenger summarized **Ridership**. Ms. Wenger provided changes from month-to-month in ridership during the pandemic compared to last year. Ridership continues to increase slowly each month since the low point during March and April of 2020. Overall, transportation lines across the country are experiencing similar ridership losses. On October 16, Illinois issued a travel ban for Indiana. In February, 2012 Chicago lifted Indiana from the travel ban and Indiana went from orange to yellow on Chicago's travel ban list. Throughout March, weekend Ridership started to increase.

Derrick Wright, NICTD Chief Operating Officer, commented on **On-Time Performance**. Mr. Wright discussed the changes in comparison to the previous year. NICTD's on-time performance continues to improve. NICTD is taking a deep dive into analyzing train by train into schedules,

PTC, and several other aspects to increase on-time performance. As Ridership increases, NICTD has increased the amount of cars on train to abide by social distancing recommendations.

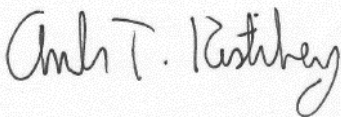
OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Noland added the NICTD is currently undergoing work at the East Chicago Station. Some trains may experience 10-15 minute delays during construction. This upgrade will allow NICTD to come into and leave the East Chicago Station at higher speeds. This is phase two of the project. The first phase was the second entrance constructed last year. NICTD anticipates this project will be complete in May or June this year. From there, NICTD will transition to major track work for the Double Track project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kostielney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Prince, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Kostielney". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Andrew Kostielney, Secretary



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Engineering Department

- **Rectifier Transformer Replacement**
- **Bridge Engineering**
- **PTC Modifications at East Chicago Station**

Double Track Project

- **Construction Management**
- **Continuous Welded Rail**
- **ElectroLogIXS**

RECOMMENDATION
Engineering Department
Rectifier Transformer Replacement
January 25, 2021

A. SCOPE

The Engineering Department has requested bids for Rectifier Transformer Replacement from qualified contractors to remove two existing oil-filled transformers and provide two new oil-filled extra heavy-duty traction power transformers at Tee Lake Substation, located at milepost 23.25, and New Carlisle Substation, located at milepost 13.28. Each have a 2-MW outdoor oil-filled high-voltage transformer that is scheduled to be replaced with a 69 kV primary voltage oil-filled transformer. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually on January 13, 2021.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for Rectifier Transformer Replacement was advertised throughout the region and nationally. The legal advertisements were placed in the following publications:

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

2. Bid Review

A total of eighteen (18) packets were requested for Rectifier Transformer Replacement prior to the bid opening. The request resulted in the receipt of four (4) 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 three of the four firms submitted all the necessary forms and were approved by the appropriate NICTD staff. All forms submitted by these three firms were correct and found to be within the guidelines set forth by the Federal

Transit Administration (FTA). The remaining firm failed to submit all the necessary forms and was not deemed responsive by NICTD staff.

| Bidder | Eligible Bidder | Lower Tier | DBE % | Non-Discrim. | Rest. Lobby | Drug Free | Buy America | Cert. of Qual. | Illegal Act. | Iran Invst. |
|---|-----------------|------------|--------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| John Burns Construction Orland Park, IL | X | X | 13.07% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Meade Industries, Inc. Willowbrook, IL | X | X | 12.00% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Aldridge Electric, Inc. Libertyville, IL | X | X | 12.22% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Midwestern Electric, Inc. East Chicago, IN | X | X | 9.75% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

C. ENGINEERING REVIEW & PRICE ANALYSIS

The Bids were evaluated for responsiveness to the technical specifications. Three bidders were responsive and met the technical specifications.

The lowest and most responsive bid for Rectifier Transformer Replacement is \$1,530,000.00. This is 19.07% (\$245,000.00) more than the engineer's estimate of \$1,285,000.00. The difference in the estimate was due to a difference in labor cost.

John Burns Construction's DBE amount is 13.07% (\$200,000.00).

| | John Burns Construction | Meade Industries, Inc. | Aldridge Electric, Inc. |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Description | Amount | Amount | Amount |
| Project Management / Engineering | \$50,000.00 | \$196,606.80 | \$100,050.00 |
| Tee Lake – Labor | \$265,000.00 | \$100,452.00 | \$322,698.00 |
| Tee Lake – Materials | \$450,000.00 | \$557,886.00 | \$515,717.00 |
| New Carlisle – Labor | \$265,000.00 | \$100,452.00 | \$340,125.00 |
| New Carlisle - Materials | \$450,000.00 | \$557,886.00 | \$515,717.00 |
| Reserve Unit | \$50,000.00 | \$244,816.00 | \$203,710.00 |
| Project Total | \$1,530,000.00 | \$1,758,098.80 | \$1,998,017.00 |

D. DELIVERY

John Burns Construction can meet the District's delivery schedule for 4th Quarter 2021.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that John Burns Construction of Orland Park, IL be awarded the Contract for Rectifier Transformer Replacement in the amount of One Million, Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$1,530,000.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Rectifier Transformer Replacement at his discretion.

RECOMMENDATION
Engineering Department
Bridge Engineering
January 25, 2021

A. SCOPE

The District has requested proposals for consulting engineering services to provide plans and specifications for the repair of ballasted deck through girder bridges, NICTD Bridge #73.14 Calumet Expressway and open deck truss bridge, NICTD Bridge #72.38 Calumet River Bridge. Proposals were solicited and a private proposal opening was held virtually on December 11, 2020.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for Bridge Engineering was advertised throughout the region and nationally. The legal advertisements were placed in the following publications:

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

2. Proposal Review

A total of forty-three (43) packets were requested for Bridge Engineering prior to the proposal opening. The request resulted in the receipt of six (6) proposals.

3. DBE & Required Forms

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

It was determined that the firms submitted all the necessary forms and were 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).

| Proposer | Eligible Bidder | Lower Tier | DBE % | Non-Discrim. | Rest. Lobby | Drug Free | Buy America | Cert. of Qual. | Illegal Act. | Iran Invst. |
|---|-----------------|------------|-------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Czaplicki Lopez, PLLC Burr Ridge, IL | X | X | 60% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| DLZ Indiana, LLC South Bend, IN | X | X | 20% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| TranSystems Corporation Chicago, IL | X | X | 22% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| STV Incorporated Chicago, IL | X | X | 30% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| V3 Companies, Ltd. Woodridge, IL | X | X | 20% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Quandel Consultants Chicago, IL | X | X | 20% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

C. STAFF REVIEW

Team Evaluation Review:

The team was composed of two (2) individuals that evaluated the proposals on:

- i) Recognition of problems and objectives demonstrated by cost effective potential solutions.
- ii) Approach plan and time schedule.
- iii) Firm's previous experience with railroad bridge repairs with active tracks.
- iv) Proposed project team's demonstrated ability to produce comparable work.

The evaluation review resulted in interviews with three firms.

| Bridge Engineering | Totals | |
|-------------------------|--------|------|
| | Score | Rank |
| Czaplicki Lopez, PLLC | 185 | 1 |
| DLZ Indiana, LLC | 180 | 2 |
| TranSystems Corporation | 175 | 3 |

The highest ranked proposer exceeds our DBE goal and has a participation of 60%.

The interviews revealed that Czaplicki Lopez, PLLC had the most comprehensive and advanced approach. The original price proposal from Czaplicki Lopez, PLLC was \$339,200.00. Negotiations resulted in a final contract amount of \$263,600.00.

Independent Cost Estimate: \$270,000.

D. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that Czaplicki Lopez, PLLC of Burr Ridge, Illinois be awarded the

Contract for Bridge Engineering in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$263,600.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Bridge Engineering at his discretion.

RECOMMENDATION
Engineering Department
PTC Modifications at East Chicago Station
January 25, 2021

A. SCOPE

The Engineering Department has requested proposals from qualified firms to perform the updates to the NICTD PTC System to incorporate the modifications to the track alignment and signal system at NICTD's existing CP 66.3, East Chicago. Proposals were solicited and a private proposal opening was held on January 6, 2021.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for PTC Modifications at East Chicago Station was advertised throughout the region and nationally. The legal advertisements were placed in the following publications:

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

2. Proposal Review

A total of thirty-six (36) packets were requested for PTC Modifications at East Chicago Station prior to the proposal opening. The request resulted in the receipt of one (1) proposal.

3. DBE & Required Forms

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

It was determined that the firms submitted all the necessary forms and were 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).

| Proposer | Eligible Bidder | Lower Tier | DBE % | Non-Discrim. | Rest. Lobby | Drug Free | Illegal Act. | Iran Invst. |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------|--------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| Xorail, Inc. Jacksonville, FL | X | X | 0% | X | X | X | X | X |

C. STAFF REVIEW

Team Evaluation Review:

The team was composed of five (5) individuals that evaluated the proposals on:

- i) Pricing Structure
- ii) Project Understanding
- iii) Business Organization & History

The evaluation review resulted in an interview with the firm.

| PTC Modifications at East Chicago Station | Totals | | |
|---|----------|-------|------|
| | Proposer | Score | Rank |
| Xorail, Inc. | | 390 | 1 |

An interview revealed that Xorail, Inc. had a comprehensive and complete approach. The District held several virtual conferences with Xorail to clarify the details of their proposal. As a result, Xorail, Inc. was requested to submit a revised proposal that addressed these items, and this has been received. The base contract amount for these PTC modifications is \$501,840.00. The District does not currently have a lab for these modifications and Xorail has proposed using their lab for an additional \$67,654.00. The cost of the lab is deemed fair and reasonable and the total contract value will be for \$569,494.00.

Independent Cost Estimate: \$600,000.00.

D. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that Xorail, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida be awarded the Contract for PTC Modifications at East Chicago Station in the amount of Five Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and ⁰³/₁₀₀ (\$569,494.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for PTC Modifications at East Chicago Station at his discretion.

RECOMMENDATION
Double Track NWI Project
Construction Management
January 25, 2021

A. SCOPE

The District has requested proposals for the Double Track Project to select an appropriate Construction Manager to oversee and manage five individual construction contracts. Proposals were solicited and a private proposal opening was held virtually on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for Construction Management was advertised throughout the region and nationally. The legal advertisements were placed in the following publications:

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

2. Proposal Review

A total of sixty-eight (68) packets were requested for Construction Management prior to the proposal opening. The request resulted in the receipt of four (4) proposals.

3. DBE & Required Forms

The proposals were evaluated for responsiveness to determine if they could be accepted

for further review.

It was determined that the firms submitted all the necessary forms and were 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).

| Proposer | Eligible Bidder | Lower Tier | DBE % | Non-Discrim. | Rest. Lobby | Drug Free | Buy America | Cert. of Qual. | Illegal Act. | Iran Invst. |
|---|-----------------|------------|--------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| WSP USA, Inc. Indianapolis, IN | X | X | 20.23% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| TY Lin International Chicago, IL | X | X | 43.50% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| HDR Engineering, Inc. Indianapolis, IN | X | X | 20.21% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| V3 Companies Ltd. Woodridge, IL | X | X | 21.27% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

C. STAFF REVIEW

Team Evaluation Review:

The team was composed of five (5) individuals that evaluated the proposals on:

- i) Business Organization
- ii) Team Identification
- iii) Statement of Qualifications and Approach

The evaluation review resulted in interviews with all four firms.

| Construction Management | Totals | |
|-------------------------|--------|------|
| | Score | Rank |
| Proposer | | |
| WSP USA, Inc. | 500 | 1 |
| TY Lin International | 413 | 2 |
| HDR Engineering, Inc. | 357 | 3 |
| V3 Companies, Ltd. | 284 | 4 |

The highest ranked proposer meets the criteria of DBE and has a participation of 20.23%.

The interviews revealed that WSP USA, Inc. had the most comprehensive and advanced approach. The original price proposal from WSP USA, Inc. was \$18,298,221.00.

Negotiations resulted in a final contract amount of \$17,119,918.00, which includes a 2% contingency that is only to be used upon approval from the District.

Independent Cost Estimate: \$19,207,701.00.

D. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that WSP USA, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana be awarded the Contract

for Construction Management in the amount of Seventeen Million, One Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$17,119,918.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Construction Management at his discretion.

RECOMMENDATION
Double Track NWI Project
Continuous Welded Rail
January 25, 2021

A. SCOPE

The Double Track team has requested bids for continuous welded rail. The Double Track project is in need of an advanced procurement for continuous welded rail to have on site ready for installation when the contractor is ready to begin work. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually on January 8, 2021.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for continuous welded rail was advertised throughout the region and nationally. The legal advertisements were placed in the following publications:

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

2. Bid Review

A total of eighteen (18) packets were requested for continuous welded rail prior to the bid opening. The request resulted in the receipt of three (3) 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 the firms submitted all the necessary forms and were 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).

| Bidder | Eligible Bidder | Lower Tier | DBE % | Non-Discrim. | Rest. Lobby | Drug Free | Buy America | Cert. of Qual. | Illegal Act. | Iran Invst. |
|---|-----------------|------------|-------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| A&K Railroad Materials, Inc. Valparaiso, Indiana | X | X | 0% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Progress Rail Services Albertville, AL | X | X | 0% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| LB Foster Company Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania | X | X | 0% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

C. ENGINEERING REVIEW & PRICE ANALYSIS

The Bids were evaluated for responsiveness to the technical specifications. All bidders were responsive and met the technical specifications.

The lowest and most responsive bid for continuous welded rail is \$1,044,880.00. This is 10.3% (\$97,680.00) more than the engineer's estimate of \$947,200.00.

A&K Railroad Materials, Inc.'s DBE amount is 0% (\$0).

| Description | Quantity | A&K Railroad Materials | | Progress Rail | | LB Foster | |
|---|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| | | Unit Price | Amount | Unit Price | Amount | Unit Price | Amount |
| New 115# CWR Rail Standard Strength – 1600' Strings | 27,200 LF | \$24.13 | \$656,336.00 | \$25.04 | \$681,088.00 | \$25.89 | \$704,208.00 |
| New Rail 115# CWR Rail Head-hardened – 1600' Strings | 3,200 LF | \$24.90 | \$79,680.00 | \$25.50 | \$81,600.00 | \$26.84 | \$85,888.00 |
| New or Number One 115# Relay CWR Rail – 1600' Strings | 12,800 LF | \$24.13 | \$308,864 | \$25.04 | \$320,512.00 | \$25.89 | \$33,392 |
| Project Total | | | \$1,044,880.00 | | \$1,083,200.00 | | \$1,121,488.00 |

D. DELIVERY

A&K Railroad Materials, Inc. can meet the District's delivery schedule for September 2021.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that A&K Railroad Materials, Inc. of Valparaiso, IN be awarded the Contract for continuous welded rail in the amount of One Million, Forty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$1,044,880.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for continuous welded rail at his discretion.

**RECOMMENDATION
Double Track NWI Project
ElectroLogIXS-Based Electronic Equipment
Sole Source
January 25, 2021**

RECOMMENDATION:

The District is looking to have ElectroLogIXS-based electronic equipment installed by the future contractor for the Double Track project. The project needs to procure these limited items in advance of the construction contract to ensure they are on site and ready for installation, so as to not jeopardize the construction schedule.

The District has obtained a quote from Alstom Group in the amount of \$208,226.00. These items are a sole source due to the fact that ElectroLogIXS is used on the entire District railroad and only this equipment will interface with the existing equipment. The District did prepare and Independent Cost Estimate of \$191,261.00 for these items and the pricing received from Alstom was within our budgetary estimate. The pricing received was determined fair and reasonable and compared to previous purchases. Alstom Group can meet our delivery schedule of July 2021 for this requested equipment and has put us in their production schedule. Alstom Group is also

aware of the additional equipment that will be needed for the remainder of the project and is holding a production slot for the remaining items to be procured by the construction contractor.

The Staff recommends that Alstom Group of Louisville, KY be awarded the Contract for ElectroLogIXS-based equipment in the amount of Two Hundred Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$208,226.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for ElectroLogIXS-based electronic equipment at his discretion.