



NORTHERN INDIANA COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2021

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Held Online Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Public Session – 10:30 a.m. (CST)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe McGuinness
Jeff Good

Andrew Kostielney

Jim Arnold

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

Michael Noland
Connor Nolan

Tony Siegmund
Steve Plesha

Justice Anderson
Jessie Watts

CALL TO ORDER

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

PURCHASING (Procurement Recommendation Packet Attached)

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

The District requested bids for Double Track Project 1. This project involves all of the track work, overhead catenary, signal and communications systems, PTC, grade crossing warnings, structures, four bridges, retaining walls, five station platforms, roadways and parking lots. Both bidders were responsive and met the technical specifications. The lowest and most responsive bid for Double Track Project 1 is \$399,674,000.00. This is 74.8% (\$171,060,894.00) more than the engineer's estimate of \$228,613,106.00. F.H. Paschen Ragnar Benson Joint Venture II's DBE amount is 17.08% (\$68,273,239.40). The Staff recommended that the District reject the bids for Double Track Project 1 and re-bid the project, enabling the District to improve the work scope. Both bids received for this contract were significantly over the District's budget.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to grant authority to the District to reject the bids for Double Track Project 1 and re-bid the project, enabling the District to improve the work scope, seconded by Mr. Good, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

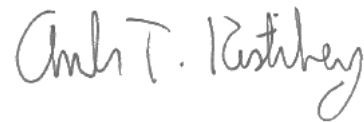
OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Good, 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 T. Kostielney". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew Kostielney, Secretary



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Double Track Project

- **Project 1 – Gary to Michigan City**

RECOMMENDATION
Double Track - Project 1
Gary to Michigan City
May 10, 2021

A. SCOPE

The District has requested bids for Double Track Project 1. This project involves all of the track work, overhead catenary, signal and communications systems, PTC, grade crossing warnings, structures, four bridges, retaining walls, five station platforms, roadways and parking lots. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually on May 4, 2021.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for bids 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
- Gary Crusader - Gary, Indiana
- South Bend Tribune - South Bend, Indiana
- NICTD Plan Room

2. Bid Review

A total of sixty-six (66) 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 two 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	Qual Stmt	Bid Bond	Vet Empl.	Buy America	Proc. Integrity	Rest. Lobby	Debar Ment	DBE %	Non-Disc.	Drug Free	E-Verify	Iran Invst.	Form 96
F.H. Paschen Ragnar Benson Joint Venture II Chicago, Illinois	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	17.1%	X	X	X	X	X
Walsh / Herzog Joint Venture Crown Point, Indiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	6.7%	X	X	X	X	X

C. ENGINEERING REVIEW & PRICE ANALYSIS

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

The lowest and most responsive bid for Double Track Project 1 is \$399,674,000.00. This is 74.8% (\$171,060,894.00) more than the engineer's estimate of \$228,613,106.00

F.H. Paschen Ragnar Benson Joint Venture II's DBE amount is 17.08% (\$68,273,239.40).

	F.H. Paschen Ragnar Benson Joint Venture II	Walsh / Herzog Joint Venture
Grand Total	\$399,674,000.00	\$424,542,480.68

D. COMPLETION

F.H. Paschen Ragnar Benson Joint Venture II can meet the District's completion schedule for December 2023.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff is recommending that the District reject the bids for Double Track Project 1 and re-bid the project, enabling the District to improve the work scope. Both bids received for this contract were significantly over the District's budget.