



NORTHERN INDIANA COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

July 26, 2021

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Public Session – 10:30 a.m. (CST)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Good
Jerome Prince

Jim Arnold

Andrew Kostielney

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

Michael Noland
Chuck Lukmann, Esq.
Derrick Wright
Jessie Watts

Tony Siegmund
Nicole Barker
Kelly Wenger

Justice Anderson
Steve Plesha
Brianna Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT

Steven Lyons-Passenger

CALL TO ORDER

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Good requested a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of May 24 and June 29, 2021. Mr. Kostielney made a motion to approve the board meeting minute, Mr. Arnold seconded, and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PURCHASING (Procurement Recommendation Packet Attached)

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

The first item was a proposal for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Project. Proposed activities in this project vary by community, as will the degree of engagement. Work will be overseen by the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) in conjunction with NICTD staff. Communities involved include all communities within Indiana with

existing stations, with the exception of flag stops, as well as communities served by the new West Lake Corridor extension. The Staff recommended that MKSK, Inc. of Indianapolis, IN be awarded the Contract for Transit Oriented Development Planning Project in the amount of One Million, Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Dollars and 00/100 (\$1,499,460.00). The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Transit Oriented Development Planning Project at his discretion.

Mr. Kostielney made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Project at his discretion, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and on roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

The second item was a bid for Pre-Plated Timber Cross Ties for the Double Track Project. A total of twenty-one (21) packets were requested for Pre-Plated Timber Cross Ties prior to the bid opening. The request resulted in the receipt of one (1) bid. The bid was evaluated for responsiveness to determine if it could be accepted for further review. It was determined that the firm did not comply with the DBE requirement or the contract terms. NICTD staff determined this bid to be non-responsive. The Staff recommended that the District reject the bid for Pre-Plated Timber Cross Ties and re-bid the project.

Mr. Good made a motion to grant authority to the District to reject the bids for Pre-Plated Timber Cross Ties, seconded by Mr. Kostielney, and on roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

The third item was a bid for 115# Continuous Welded Rail for the Double Track Project. The Staff recommended that A & K Railroad Materials, Inc. of Valparaiso, Indiana be awarded the Contract for 115# Continuous Welded Rail in the amount of Six Million, One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Four Dollars and 00/100 (\$6,179,704.00). The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for 115# Continuous Welded Rail at his discretion, subject to RDA and Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) approval.

Mr. Good made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for 115# Continuous Welded Rail for the Double Track Project at his discretion, seconded by Mr. Kostielney, and on roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

The fourth item was a bid for two (2) Crossing Diamonds for the Double Track Project. The Staff recommended that Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak of Cheyenne, Wyoming be awarded the Contract for Crossing Diamonds in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars and 00/100 (\$380,620.00). The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Crossing Diamonds at his discretion, subject to RDA and IFA approval.

Mr. Kostielney made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for Crossing Diamonds for the Double Track Project at his discretion, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and on roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

The fifth item was a sole source recommendation for ElectroLogIXS-based electronic equipment to be installed by the future contractor for the Double Track project. The project needs to procure 70 of 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 Signaling Operation, LLC in the amount of \$717,780.00. 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 an Independent Cost Estimate of \$735,350.00 for these items and the pricing received from Alstom was within our budgetary estimate. The pricing received was determined to be fair and reasonable and was compared to previous purchases. Alstom Group can meet our delivery schedule of March 2022 for this requested equipment. The Staff recommended that Alstom Signaling Operation, LLC of Louisville, KY be awarded the Contract for ElectroLogIXS-based equipment in the amount of Seven Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars and 00/100 (\$717,780.00). The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for ElectroLogIXS-based electronic equipment at his discretion.

Mr. Kostielney made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for ElectroLogIXS at his discretion, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and on roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

On August 15, 2019, the District executed Contract 90332 for the Double Track Final Engineering to AECOM not to exceed cost of \$13,372,966.00. Since this approval, additional scope items have been identified to keep this project moving forward and are identified in the recommendations that follow. Amendment 10 authorizes an additional \$681,872.50 to be added to the contract price. This additional amount is needed for AECOM to perform additional engineering and design work to enable NICTD to rebid the Double Track 1 project. The District requested the Board grant the President the authority to approve Amendment 10 to Contract 90332 in the amount of Six Hundred Eighty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and 50/100 (\$681,872.50).

Mr. Kostielney made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to approve Amendment 10 to Contract 90332 in the amount of Six Hundred Eighty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and 50/100 (\$681,872.50) at his discretion., seconded by Mr. Arnold, and on roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

On August 10, 2018, the District executed Contract 90341 for Double Track Project Administration to Lakeshore Engineering to not exceed cost of \$2,064,465.00. Since this approval, additional scope items have been identified to keep this project moving forward and are described in the recommendations that follow. Amendment 3 authorized an additional \$164,776.39 to be added to the contract price. This additional amount was requested to provide systems advisory services. LSE proposed Mr. Victor Babin as Senior Advisor – Systems on an as-needed basis. Mr. Babin's scope of services will be to serve in an advisory role, reporting to Greg Lorenzi, providing oversight for the design and construction of project's systems elements.

The District notified the Board of the execution of Amendment 3 to Contract 90341 in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and 39/100 (\$164,776.39).

On December 12, 2018, the District executed Contract 89137 for West Lake Corridor Project Administration to Lakeshore Engineering to not exceed cost of \$370,000.00. Since this approval, two no cost amendments have been executed and are described in the recommendations that follow. Amendment 3 will authorize an additional \$661,990.53 to be added to the contract price. This additional amount was requested to provide a Senior Systems Advisor and Assistant Project Manager for the West Lake Corridor Project. LSE proposed Mr. Victor Babin as Senior Advisor – Systems and Mr. Nathan Morris as Assistant Project Manager. The District requested the Board grant the President the authority to approve Amendment 3 to Contract 89137 in the amount of Six Hundred Sixty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars and 53/100 (\$661,990.53).

Mr. Kostielney made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to approve Amendment 3 to Contract 89137 in the amount of Six Hundred Sixty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars and 53/100 (\$661,990.53) at his discretion, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and on roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Double Track NWI Update

Mr. Noland gave a brief update on the Double Track Project. The District requested bids for Double Track Project 1 in January. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually in May. NICTD rejected the bids for Double Track Project 1, enabling NICTD to improve the work scope. NICTD has been meeting with contractors to make the constructability of the project more efficient. NICTD is working diligently to evaluate contract risks, value engineer opportunities, and other funding opportunities. Mr. Noland discussed some of the pricing changes and current opportunities from NICTD's original ICE. NICTD will build the project in three segments: Michigan City to Dune Park, Dune Park to Ogden Dunes, and Ogden Dunes to Gary Metro. This will reduce the amount of PTC cutovers, simplifying the contract, reducing the risk, and allowing the contractors to have more access. NICTD anticipates a re-bid will be available in the next couple of weeks.

West Lake Corridor Project Update

Mr. Noland gave a brief update on the West Lake Corridor Project. The West Lake Corridor Project continues to progress. The Design-Builder, F.H. Paschen/Ragnar Benson, has been providing NICTD with 60-90% plan designs for review. Meetings are being held with the communities to discuss any improvements the community would like to see. NIPSCO has begun relocating utilities for the West Lake Corridor Project. NICTD will continue to progress toward 90% plans.

COVID-19 Operations/Status

Mr. Noland gave a brief update on COVID-19 Operations. 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 all planes, trains and buses. The TSA

mandate has been extended through January 18, 2022. Social distancing restrictions onboard NICTD trains have been relaxed, but masks will continue to be mandated for passengers and staff.

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 approximately 20% down in single ride tickets sold. Digital tickets sold is slightly down; NICTD believe this is due to promotions including the Buy One, Get One monthly promotion.

Ms. Barker shared a few pictures of the “Connecting People” campaign. With the pandemic restrictions becoming more relaxed, Group7even helped NICTD create a campaign to help encourage people to connect or reconnect to the people and places they love by taking the train.

Ms. Barker concluded by sharing current events through September including Lollapalooza, the Chicago Air and Water Show, Notre Dame games, and Bears games.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Kelly Wenger, NICTD Grant Administrator, updated the board on NICTD’s ticket vending machines. About a year ago, the board approved procurement for new Ticket Vending Machines. New Ticket Vending Machines have been shipped and will provide updated technology and accept cash to provide more convince to passengers.

Ms. Wenger summarized **Ridership**. Ms. Wenger detailed changes from 2019, 2020, and 2021. Ridership continues to increase slowly each month. With events returning to Chicago, NICTD anticipates ridership will continue to increase over the summer. In April of this year, the bikes on trains’ ridership was the highest NICTD has ever had for the month of April. NICTD is approaching 30% ridership of what was reported in 2019 during the week while weekend ridership is closer to 40%.

Mr. Noland added that across the country, it appears that employees are being brought back to work after Labor Day. NICTD hopes to see a spike in ridership after Labor Day.

Derrick Wright, NICTD Chief Operating Officer, commented on **On-Time Performance**. Mr. Wright discussed the opportunities of 2021. A lot of the pre-construction work for Double Track has been completed, which required some bussing. With some of the road closures, this made bussing a little more difficult. Additionally, other delays include PTC and crossing delays for other railroads. NICTD is analyzing train by train the schedules and associated delays in order to find ways to increase on-time performance.

Mr. Wright added that NICTD has not had to remove any passengers onboard for refusing to wear a mask. NICTD will continue to hand out masks free of charge to passengers that are in need of a mask. NICTD hands out approximately 40/day and expects to see this increase as ridership increases.

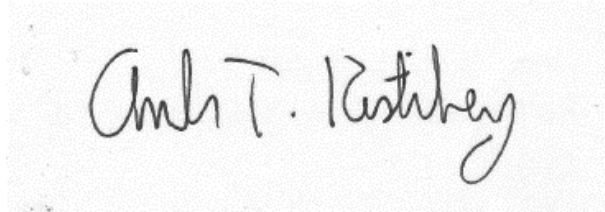
OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Noland added that NICTD may have additional special board meeting requests for procurement items for Double Track NWI and West Lake Corridor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Andrew T. Kostielney" in a cursive style.

Andrew Kostielney, Secretary



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposals:

Administration

- **Transit Oriented Development Planning Project**

Double Track NWI Project:

Bids:

- **Pre-Plated Timber Cross Ties**
- **115# Continuous Welded Rail**
- **Crossing Diamonds**

Sole Source:

- **ElectroLogIXS-Based Electronic Equipment**
- **Final Engineering – AECOM – Amendment 10**
- **Project Administration – Lakeshore Engineering – Amendment 3**

West Lake Corridor Project:

Sole Source:

- **Project Administration – Lakeshore Engineering – Amendment 3**

RECOMMENDATION
Administration Department
Transit Oriented Development Planning Project
July 26, 2021

A. SCOPE

The Administration Department has requested proposals for Transit Oriented Development Planning Project. Proposed activities in this project will vary by community, as will the degree of engagement. Example planning services could include, but are not limited to: district-, corridor-, or neighborhood-level land development plans; land use plans; infrastructure capital improvement plans; zoning ordinance amendments; and design guidelines. This project covers the following NICTD stations: Hammond Gateway, South Hammond, Munster Ridge Road, Munster/Dyer Main St., East Chicago, Gary Metro Center, Miller, Portage/Ogden Dunes, Dune Park, Beverly Shores, Michigan City/11th St., Carroll Ave., and South Bend Airport. Proposals were solicited and a private proposal opening was held on February 26, 2021.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for Transit Oriented Development Planning Project proposals 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-two (62) packets were requested for Transit Oriented Development Planning Project prior to the proposal opening. The request resulted in the receipt of five (5) 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.
MKSK, Inc. Indianapolis, IN	X	X	15.7%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP Chicago, IL	X	X	18.1%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Farr Associates Architecture & Urban Design, P.C. Chicago, IL	X	X	12%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
The Arsh Group, Inc. Merrillville, IN	X	X	12%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WSP USA, Inc. Indianapolis, IN	X	X	18.9%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

C. STAFF REVIEW

Team Evaluation Review:

The team was composed of three (3) individuals that evaluated the proposals on:

- i) Project Understanding and Technical Approach
- ii) Qualification of Direct Project Personnel
- iii) Project Management/Execution Plan
- iv) Demonstrated ability to complete project on time and on budget
- v) Cost Effectiveness

The evaluation review resulted in interviews with two of the strongest firms.

Transit Oriented Development Proposer	Totals	
	Score	Rank
MKSK, Inc.	300	1
Skidmore	285	2

The highest ranked proposer meets our DBE goal and has a participation of 15.7%

The independent cost estimate (ICE) for this project is \$900,000. The scope of this work has been broken down into 8 separate tasks that account for \$1,058,706 of the proposed contract. Additional scope items and contingency has also been discussed and represents an additional \$440,754. The Staff is recommending the contract be awarded for a total of \$1,499,460.00. The additional task 9 scope items and contingency will only be released upon NICTD and RDA approval.

D. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that MKSK, Inc. of Indianapolis, IN be awarded the Contract for Transit Oriented Development Planning Project in the amount of One Million, Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$1,499,460.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for Transit Oriented Development Planning Project at his discretion.

RECOMMENDATION
Double Track NWI Project
Pre-Plated Timber Cross Ties
July 26, 2021

A. SCOPE

The Double Track NWI Project team has requested bids for Pre-Plated Timber Cross Ties for the Double Track Project. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held at the Dune Park Offices and virtually on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for Pre-Plated Timber Cross Ties was advertised throughout the region and nationally. The legal advertisements were placed in the following publications:

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The Times - Hammond, Indiana
Gary Crusader - Gary, Indiana
South Bend Tribune - South Bend, Indiana
NICTD Plan Room

2. Bid Review

A total of twenty-one (21) packets were requested for Pre-Plated Timber Cross Ties prior to the bid opening. The request resulted in the receipt of one (1) bid.

3. DBE & Required Forms

The bid was evaluated for responsiveness to determine if it could be accepted for further review.

It was determined that the firm did not comply with the DBE requirement or the contract terms. NICTD staff has determined this bid to be non-responsive.

Bidder	Eligible Bidder	Lower Tier	DBE %	Non-Discrim.	Rest. Lobby	Drug Free	Buy America	Cert. of Qual.	Illegal Act.	Iran Invst.
Stella-Jones Corporation Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	X	X	8%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

C. ENGINEERING REVIEW & PRICE ANALYSIS

The single bid received was \$9,784,150.77 and was 1.4% (\$142,769.23) less than the engineer's estimate of \$9,926,920.

Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Amount
Grade #5 Hardwood Cross Ties Dual-treated 7" x 9" x 8'-6" Pre-plated with Two Pandrol TPL-P26M-5.5 plates	10,923	\$159.57	\$1,742,983.11
Grade #5 Hardwood Cross Ties Dual-treated 7" x 9" x 8'-6" Pre-plated with Two AREMA Plan No. 7 – Punching A (8 spike holes) plates	60,877	\$119.48	\$7,273,583.96
Grade #5 Hardwood Cross Ties – Punching A (8 spike holes) plates Dual-treated 7" x 9" x 10'-0" Pre-plated with Two AREMA Plan No. 7 plates	400	\$149.98	\$59,992.00
Grade #5 Hardwood Cross Ties Dual-treated 7" x 9" x 11'-0" Pre-plated with Four AREMA Plan No. 7 – Punching A (8 spike holes) plates	3,330	\$212.49	\$707,591.70
PROJECT TOTAL			\$9,784,150.77

D. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff is recommending that the District reject the bid for Pre-Plated Timber Cross Ties and re-bid the project.

RECOMMENDATION
Double Track NWI Project
115# Continuous Welded Rail
July 26, 2021

A. SCOPE

The Double Track NWI Project team has requested bids for 115# Continuous Welded Rail for the Double Track Project. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held at the Dune Park Offices and virtually on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for 115# Continuous Welded Rail was advertised throughout the region and nationally. The legal advertisements were placed in the following publications:

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2. Bid Review

A total of twenty-two (22) packets were requested for 115# 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	Non-Discrim.	Rest. Lobby	Drug Free	Buy America	Cert. of Qual.	Illegal Act.	Iran Invst.
A & K Railroad Materials, Inc. Valparaiso, Indiana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
L. B. Foster Company Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Progress Rail Services Corporation Albertville, Alabama	X	X	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 115# Continuous Welded Rail is \$6,179,704.00. This is 5.6% (\$364,484.00) less than the engineer's estimate of \$6,544,188.00.

Description	Qty.	A & K Railroad Materials, Inc.		L.B. Foster Company		Progress Rail Services Corporation	
		Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount
New 115# CWR Rail Standard Strength - 1600' Strings	185,600 LF	\$28.88	\$5,360,128.00	\$30.08	\$5,582,848.00	\$30.18	\$5,601,408.00
New Rail 115# CWR Rail Head-hardened - 1600' Strings	19,400 LF	\$29.84	\$578,896.00	\$31.15	\$604,310.00	\$30.22	\$586,268.00
New or Number One 115# Relay CWR Rail - 1600' Strings	8,800 LF	\$27.35	\$240,680.00	\$30.08	\$264,704.00	\$30.18	\$265,584.00
		Total	\$ 6,179,704.00	Total	\$6,451,862.00	Total	\$6,453,260.00

D. DELIVERY

A & K Railroad Materials, Inc. can meet the District's delivery schedule for May 2022.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that A & K Railroad Materials, Inc. of Valparaiso, Indiana be awarded the Contract for 115# Continuous Welded Rail in the amount of Six Million, One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Four Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$6,179,704.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for 115# Continuous Welded Rail at his discretion, subject to RDA and IFA approval.

RECOMMENDATION
Double Track NWI Project
Crossing Diamonds
July 26, 2021

A. SCOPE

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2. Bid Review

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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).

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Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak Cheyenne, Wyoming	X	X	0.7%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Progress Rail Services Corporation Albertville, Alabama	X	X	2.0%	X	X	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 Crossing Diamonds is \$380,620.00. This is 28.2% (\$149,380.00) less than the engineer's estimate of \$530,000.00.

Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak's DBE amount is 0.69% (\$2,640.00).

Description	Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak		Progress Rail Services Corporation	
	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total
Two (2) complete at-grade railroad crossing diamond castings	\$190,310	\$380,620	\$332,310	\$664,620

D. DELIVERY

Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak can meet the District's delivery schedule for July 2022.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak of Cheyenne, Wyoming be awarded the Contract for Crossing Diamonds in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$380,620.00).

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

RECOMMENDATION
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ElectroLogIXS-Based Electronic Equipment
Sole Source
July 26, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

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The Staff recommends that Alstom Signaling Operation, LLC of Louisville, KY be awarded the Contract for ElectroLogIXS-based equipment in the amount of Seven Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$717,780.00).

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.

RECOMMENDATION
Double Track Final Engineering
Sole Source
July 26, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

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	Date	Amendment Description	Cost
1	3.5.2020	Authorizing the substitution of a subconsultant	No Cost
2	4.28.2020	Authorizing the use of a non-direct employee	No Cost
3	8.20.2020	Soil Characterization	\$114,405.00
4	9.1.2020	Construction Phase Support	\$1,271,526.00
5	9.9.2020	Authorizing the use of contingency	\$568,282.00
6	1.5.2021	Use of contingency - \$121,820.91 and reallocate \$86,602.70	No Cost
7	4.27.2021	Create a separate bid package to remove historic façade in Michigan City	\$30,306.04
8	5.19.2021	Authorizes use of existing funding for Cardno to provide EPA monitoring & seeding	No Cost
9	5.19.2021	Authorizes Patrick Eng. to compute quantities & specifications for advance rail procurement	No Cost
10	Pending	Additional services needed to prepare & review documents for the DT-1 Rebid	\$681,872.50

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RECOMMENDATION:

The District executed Contract 90341 for Double Track Project Administration to Lakeshore Engineering on August 10, 2018 for a not to exceed cost of \$2,064,465.00. Since this approval, additional scope items have been identified to keep this project moving forward and are described below. Amendment 3 authorized an additional \$164,776.39 to be added to the contract price. This additional amount was requested to provide systems advisory services. LSE proposed Mr. Victor Babin as Senior Advisor – Systems on an as-needed basis. Mr. Babin’s scope of services will be to serve in an advisory role, reporting to Greg Lorenzi, providing oversight for the design and construction of project’s systems elements.

	Date	Amendment Description	Cost
1	01.12.2020	Replaced Pascal Luciano with Gregory Lorenzi and added fixed fee language	No Cost
2	06.24.2021	Additional funds needed to create a breakout RFP for the PTC element of DT1	\$233,433.23
3	07.12.2021	Addition of Victor Babin as a systems advisor to the Double Track project	\$164,776.39

The District is notifying the Board of the execution of Amendment 3 to Contract 90341 in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and ³⁹/₁₀₀ (\$164,776.39).

RECOMMENDATION
West Lake Corridor Project Administration
Sole Source
July 26, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

The District executed Contract 89137 for West Lake Corridor Project Administration to Lakeshore Engineering on December 12, 2018 for a not to exceed cost of \$370,000.00. Since this approval, two no cost amendments have been executed and are described below. Amendment 3 will authorize an additional \$661,990.53 to be added to the contract price. This additional amount is requested to provide a Senior Systems Advisor and Assistant Project Manager for the West Lake Corridor Project. LSE proposed Mr. Victor Babin as Senior Advisor – Systems and Mr. Nathan Morris as Assistant Project Manager.

	Date	Amendment Description	Cost
1	2.4.2020	Added fixed fee language and Section 4.1.4 to contract	No Cost
2	3.25.2021	Add Ashkay Chandra to the West Lake Team	No Cost
3	Pending	Addition of Nathan Morris and Victor Babin to the West Lake project	\$661,990.53

The District is requesting the Board grant the President the authority to approve Amendment 3 to Contract 89137 in the amount of Six Hundred Sixty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars and ⁵³/₁₀₀ (\$661,990.53).