

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The **Audit Committee** of the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority met in public session on **Friday, December 15, 2006**, at 8:35 a.m., in Suite 1550, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, pursuant to notice.

Committee Chairman Patrick J. Durante presided.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Patrick J. Durante Fred T.L. Norris Michael Rosenberg
Absent:	Allan C. Carr Armando Gomez, Sr.
Others:	Mary M. McDonald Patrick V. Riley, Jr. Douglas M. Troiani Rev. Addie L. Wyatt RTA Chairman Jim Reilly

Reading and approval of minutes from the public session held on October 5, 2006

Director Norris moved, and Director Rosenberg seconded that the minutes from the public session held on October 5, 2006 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

3 Yeas	Directors Durante, Norris, and Rosenberg
2 Absent	Directors Carr and Gomez

Ordinance authorizing a contract for Rail Safety Oversight (RSO) consultant services

Ms. Duana Love, RTA Manager of Engineering and Technology explained that the RTA's Rail Safety Oversight (RSO) program was designed to enforce the FTA's State Safety Oversight Rule for fixed rail guideway systems. Since Metra is regulated by the FRA, the Rule applies only to the CTA rail system consisting of subway, at grade and elevated track operations. The goal of the program is to ensure safe operation of the rail system and maintain the personal security of the passengers and employees. Annual certification by the RTA, verifies that program implementation is compliant with federal requirements. Rail safety consultants have been used to augment RTA engineering staff since the inception of the RSO program.

**APPROVED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
MAY 3, 2007**

Ms. Love then outlined the 2006 program activities. May 2006 was the compliance deadline for the FTA-amended SSO Rule 49 CFR Part 659. The amendment addresses heightened concerns for emergency preparedness and clarifies requirements for monitoring the safety and security of rail transit systems. The revised RTA System Safety Program Standard was approved by the FTA in October. Requisite updates to the CTA System Safety Program Plan and System Security Plan, which define organizational safety and security responsibilities, have also been completed in compliance with the SSO Program. Staff also completed follow-up activities for corrective actions identified during the 2004 triennial review. RSO Program implementation activities include: conducting both annual and triennial on-site safety reviews, notification and investigation of accidents, and hazard analysis corrective action plans.

RSO consultant services include establishing procedures and guidelines for the program; reviewing, approving or conducting accident investigations and annual safety audits; and conducting on-site triennial reviews.

Ten firms responded to a nationwide Request for Expressions of Interest and three (3) firms submitted Statements of Qualifications. A consultant selection committee determined Transportation Resource Associates (TRA) to be the most qualified to perform the required RSO services. In addition, TRA will retain Dovetail Consulting, a DBE company certified with the Illinois Unified Certification Program as a subcontractor for these services. The proposed two-year contract is for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Director Rosenberg moved, and Director Norris seconded recommendation of the proposed ordinance to the full Board for approval. The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote:

3 Yeas Directors Durante, Norris, and Rosenberg

2 Absent Directors Carr and Gomez

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the public session of the Audit Committee, Director Norris moved, and Director Rosenberg seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried by voice vote.

3 Yeas Directors Durante, Norris, and Rosenberg

2 Absent Directors Carr and Gomez

The meeting ended at 9:30 a.m.

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Secretary of the Authority