

To: MVTA Board

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Re: Award Technology Bus Wrap Bid

Requested Action

The MVTA Board is asked to award a contract for removal of existing striping, manufacture and installation of technology bus wraps on 10 Gillig low-floor buses to Visual Image Systems in the amount of \$49,281.59.

Background

On May 18, 2009, MVTA advertised for bids for the wrapping of 10 buses that are part of the MVTA/University of Minnesota Lane Guidance System project, funded by the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA). This bid calls for the contractor to remove the existing striping on the buses, manufacture and install the new wrap on the buses. Two of the wrap designs will be installed on three buses each and the third design will be installed on four buses.

On June 12, the bids were opened. There were seven bidders with the bids ranging from \$49,281.59 to \$98,300 for the work. The bid documents of the three apparent low bidders were reviewed for responsiveness, and DBE efforts. The Met Council indicated that all first and second low bidders passed the amount of numeric DBE participation and good faith efforts. The third low bidder did not meet good faith efforts in terms of DBE. The initial estimate for this work was expected to be in the range of \$10,000 per bus for a total of \$100,000.

Impact

This project is funded by Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) funds specifically dedicated to the bus simulator project. The wraps are designed to be on the vehicles for five years, which is expected to be near the end of the useful life of the vehicles.

Recommendation

Award a contract for removal of existing striping, manufacture of the wrap and installation of the wrap on 10 Gillig low-floor technology buses to Visual Image Systems in the amount of \$49,281.59.