

#0224-07: AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT GDC-24-005-HTP FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY A DELIVERY PARTNER TO SUPPORT THE HUDSON TUNNEL PROJECT.

To help ensure the functionality of intercity and commuter rail infrastructure between the State of New Jersey ("**New Jersey**") and the State of New York ("**New York**") and throughout the Northeast Corridor (the "**NEC**"), New Jersey and New York created the Gateway Development Commission ("**GDC**") through the enactment of parallel legislation by each state codified as the Gateway Development Commission Act (2019 N.Y. Laws, Ch. 108 and N.J.S.A. 32:36-1, et seq.) (collectively, the "**GDC Act**").

The GDC Act empowers the Commission to "enter into, execute and deliver contracts and agreements and other documents and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out any power of the Commission under this act and to otherwise accomplish any lawful purpose which the commissioners determine will Facilitate the Project, including, without limitation, with the federal government, the state of New Jersey, any local government thereof, the state of New York, with any local government thereof, with any agency, instrumentality, department, commission or authority of any one or more of the foregoing, any bi-state agency, Amtrak, any individual or private firm, entity or corporation, or with any one or more of them." 2019 N.Y. Laws, Ch. 108, Section 2(7)(e); N.J.S.A. 32:36-8(e).

Section 3.06 of the GDC Bylaws provides that "[t]he Board may delegate in whole or in part any power, authority, discretion or obligation to any Officer, in each case to the extent to which the Board deems appropriate."

In December of 2022, a Request for Qualifications was issued by GDC, through the National Railroad Passenger Corporation ("**Amtrak**") as the procuring entity acting on GDC's behalf, soliciting Statements of Qualifications ("**SOQ**") from entities interested in providing professional, technical, construction management, project management and other support services ("**Delivery Partner**") to support the Hudson Tunnel Project ("**HTP**"). SOQs were submitted and on May 22, 2023 GDC identified a shortlist of three (3) qualified teams that would receive an invitation to submit a proposal in response to a Request for Proposals for Delivery Partner ("**RFP**") in connection with the HTP. On August 15, 2023, a federally compliant RFP was issued to the three (3) short-listed firms to act as Delivery Partner to support the HTP. Proposals were received from three (3) responsive and responsible firms: Joint Venture of Bechtel-HNTB, Hudson Delivery Partnership (comprised of Atkins North America, Inc., Arup US Inc., The McKissack Group, Inc.), and MPA Delivery Partners (comprised of Mace North America Limited, Parsons Transportation Group of New York, Inc., and Arcadis of New York, Inc.). The proposals were reviewed by an evaluation panel consisting of technical experts and representatives of GDC, the State of New York, NJ TRANSIT, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey ("**PANYNJ**"), and Amtrak (collectively, "**Evaluation Panel**"). The Evaluation Panel selected MPA Delivery Partners through a competitive evaluation; thereafter GDC undertook the negotiation

of price to enter into a master services agreement for Delivery Partner services for the HTP (referred to as “**Contract GDC-24-005-HTP**”).

In addition to Contract GDC-24-005-HTP, GDC, in coordination with NJ TRANSIT, PANYNJ and Amtrak, also negotiated task orders 001, 002, 003, 004A, 005, 006, 007, 008 and 009 to begin upon issuance of a notice to proceed anticipated to be in March of 2024 (“**Phase A**”) to support the GDC and its Supporting or Executing Partners (“**SEP**”) in the delivery of the HTP. Task orders 001, 002, 003, 006, 007, and 008 will be completed by September 1, 2024, and task orders 005, 009 and 004A will be completed January 31, 2025, December 31, 2026 and September 30, 2027, respectively. Phase B task orders will be subject to approval by the GDC Board of Commissioners. The initial term of Contract GDC-24-005-HTP is 6 years ending in 2030, and thereafter, GDC has the option to extend the term for up to three (3) three-year extensions which, if elected, will end the term in 2039.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted, with Co-Chair Glen, Co-Chair Grewal-Virk, Vice-Chair Coscia, Commissioner Barbas, Commissioner Bauer, Commissioner Rosen and Commissioner Dominguez voting in favor:

RESOLVED, that the GDC Chief Executive Officer is authorized to enter into Contract GDC24-005-HTP with MPA Delivery Partners.

RESOLVED, that the GDC Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute Task Orders #001, #002, #003, #004(A), #005, #006, #007, #008 and #009 of Contract GDC-24-005-HTP (collectively, “**Phase A Task Orders**”), for an amount not to exceed \$26,823,778 (“**Phase A Contract Price**”) and further authorizing an additional amount equal to five percent (5%) of the Phase A Contract Price for contingencies, in each case subject to the availability of funds, and to take any and all other actions consistent with this resolution, and to make, execute, and deliver in the name and on behalf of GDC, Contract GDC-24-005-HTP, and to take all other steps necessary to comply with the terms and conditions of Contract GDC-24-005-HTP.

RESOLVED, that the GDC Chief Executive Officer is authorized, within the total authorized amount for Phase A Task Orders of Contract GDC-24-005-HTP, in accordance with the terms of this Resolution, to take all procurement actions necessary to effectuate the Phase A Task Orders that are the subject of Contract GDC-24-005-HTP, and take any other actions that may be required to effectuate and enforce the terms and conditions of Contract GDC-24-005-HTP, including the terms and conditions of the Phase A Task Orders.