

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019, 10:00 A.M., VOA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Chair; Joy Zainey, Vice Chair; Tim Coulon, Treasurer; Donald Sharp, Secretary

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillipott; Crystal Scott; Chief Nick Congemi; Red Thompson; Stacie Heffker; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe; Robert Graham; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert, Riess LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin and Walter Baudier, DEI Engineering; Jan Evans, David Webber and Hossien Ghara, Volkert and Associates; Michael Weinstein, Sisung Securities Group; Rene Chopin III, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Babak Naghavi, Hardesty and Hanover, LLP; Terri Dupre, Meyer Engineering; Kazem Alikhani, ECM

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 5, 2018 were accepted as written. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission. There were no comments or questions from the audience.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in December the Drawbridge operations included 10 vessel openings, 1 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported, since the last GNOEC meeting, there were six days of fog operations; December 14th, 20th, 30th, 31st and January 2nd and 3rd.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 258 breakdown responses in December on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 150 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 108 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 20 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 16 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 4 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 278 breakdown responses for both bridges in December.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of December there were a total of 14 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 6 occurred Northbound, 7 Southbound, 1 in a Crossover. Mr. Dufrechou reported 4 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of December, 6 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 2 Eastbound and 4 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 2 were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported the Northbound Causeway Bridge was closed on December 17, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 6:40 pm for two separate crashes with injuries.

On December 18, 2019, Mr. Dufrechou reported the Southbound Causeway Bridge was closed from 7:45 am to 8:10 am due to an overturned vehicle that was caused by a blowout.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint updating significant events since the last Commission meeting.

On inspection services for the Safety Rail Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou stated there were five submissions. Three firms were qualified. Two actually tied. These are

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ECM and DEI. Both are highly qualified firms. The staff recommends DEI - primarily because of our past experiences with Mr. Martin and his services on the Bridge in years past. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Coulon, on October 12, 2018, the GNOEC authorized the advertisement for Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing construction inspection services for the GNOEC Safety Rail Improvements. On October 29, 2018, five responses were received by the GNOEC. Three firms met the minimum requirements as advertised in the RFQ. After evaluation and consideration by the Evaluation Committee, all three firms meeting the minimum requirements were found to be qualified to provide the services to the GNOEC. Accordingly, upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby selects Design Engineering, Inc. as having the most advantageous proposal and further authorizes the General Manager to negotiate and the Chairman and General Manager to execute a contract with Design Engineering, Inc. to provide construction inspection services for the GNOEC Safety Rail Improvements. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On the upgrade to the GNOEC Toll Tag Service Center project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to reject the submitted response to RFP No. 825-01. On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, on August 24, 2018, the GNOEC issued RFP No. 825-01 seeking Statements of Proposals from qualified firms to upgrade its toll tag system, including providing for the installation, integration, testing, support, and maintenance of the system. In response to RFP No. 825-01, one proposal was submitted by TransCore. After evaluation, consideration, and

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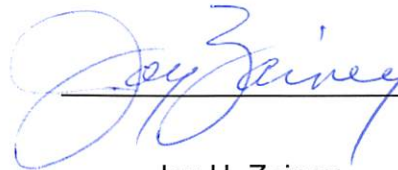
upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2234, hereby rejects the proposal submitted in response to RFP No. 825-01 on the basis of pricing as the current proposal exceeds the amount budgeted in 2019 for this project. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Coulon inquired if other avenues will be explored regarding the upgrade to the GNOEC Toll Tag Service Center project. Mr. Dufrechou stated staff and HNTB have been discussing options. He also reported that another RFP may be developed if warranted.

Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled February 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore. There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Patrick Fitzmorris
Chair



Joy H. Zainey
Vice Chair