



Date of Memo: November 28, 2023
Current Meeting: December 07, 2023
Board Meeting: December 14, 2023

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: Interim President/CEO Jennifer Pyrz
FROM: Director of Preventive Maintenance and Repairs Thierno Balde
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of Sole Source – Installation of Purple Line BYD Chargers- Phase1, Miller Eads

ACTION ITEM A – 6

RECOMMENDATION:

In a manner consistent with IPTC contract award standards, it is requested that the Board authorize the President/CEO to enter a sole source contract with Miller Eads Inc. to install twelve BYD depot chargers for the Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). These chargers will be installed at IPTC’s 1501 W. Washington St facility in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

BACKGROUND:

In 2018, Miller Eads, Inc. installed the electric bus charging equipment ("depot chargers") at IPTC’s 1501 W. Washington St facility. Initially, only a portion of the designed chargers were installed – to support Red-Line buses. Miller Eads was identified through a competitive procurement process for the original installation and was the sole original installer. IPTC now desires to continue the installation of the Purple Line BRT depot chargers for PHASE1 in accordance with the original design plan. The present construction phase is a continuation of the previous project; therefore, this service must be provided to the contractor that installed the previous chargers and laid out all the chargers' wirings, conduits, and switch gears. The selection of Miller Eads to continue the work reduces risk on the project due to their experience with IPTC and knowledge of the original installation of chargers, switch gears, junction boxes, and conduits.

DISCUSSION:

With the new 28 BYD buses procured to service the Purple Line BRT system, additional chargers are necessary to support the daily charging requirement of the BRT fleet. PHASE 1 consists of installing twelve chargers to support the charging needs of initial purple line buses expected to be delivered by December 31, 2023. PHASE 2 will install the remaining 16 additional chargers needed to support the rest of the Purple Line BRT fleet, which will be presented to the Board at a later date.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to award. If not awarded, IPTC will not have enough charging capabilities to support the charging of BEB (Battery Electric Bus) in the daily operation of the Purple Line.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The project funding will come out of the Capital Budget.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

This procurement is a sole source; therefore, no goals apply to this opportunity.

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Service Committee on December 7, 2023.