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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: COLONUS MITCHELL *BT Mitchell for*
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL
ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS**

ISSUE

After many years of using a single Engineering and Design Consultant, the Board of Directors requested staff to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide a pool of highly qualified engineering and design service firms to be available for use by the MTA. The staff issued the RFP on December 20, 2000. The overall project has a DBE goal of 30%. Proposals were received on January 26, 2001.

BACKGROUND

The RFP is based on a set of guidelines developed from Federal best practices used for Architect and Engineering (A&E) multiple award agreements (bench). These guidelines comply with State and Federal laws and are in accordance with the MTA Procurement Manual for A&E procurements.

Award recommendations and resultant contracts will be made to the highest ranked proposers (up to five) determined to be best-qualified based on demonstrated competence including their past performance in this type of work, qualifications and capacity to perform the work.

The work under the contract will be assigned through issuance of task orders. As specific work is required, a team of qualified MTA staff will select the bench member most qualified to perform the work by comparing scope of work requirements with the data each team submitted in their proposal, ie. Standard Forms 254 and 255 for A&E and related services, and other supplemental information. If the MTA team requires additional information, each qualified bench member will be invited in for oral interviews.

Upon request, we will forward a copy of the RFP document (approximately 300 pages).

NEXT STEPS

Proposals were received on January 26, 2001 and the evaluation process is currently ongoing. Staff recommendations will be presented to the Board upon completion of the selection process. It is anticipated that award recommendations will be presented at the March 2001 Board Meeting.

MOTION BY MTA BOARDMEMBER SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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The MTA has relied upon a single joint venture to provide design and engineering services for all of its rail construction projects. Consequently, when design and engineering services are needed for new rail projects, or additional work on existing projects, the MTA will assign the work to this single joint venture.

Without healthy competition among qualified firms, there can be no assurance that engineering and design services are provided by the most cost-effective and highly qualified professionals. Without competition, negotiating the terms and conditions of contracts for these services with the venture that holds the current monopoly is hampered.

I have raised this concern along with other Board members in the past. Now, in light of the recent concern expressed by the FTA regarding excessive design, and other construction costs, the issue must be resolved.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the MTA Board direct the Executive Procurement Officer and the Interim Executive Officer of Construction to develop an RFQ, or appropriate solicitation for design and engineering Services, to provide a pool of highly qualified firms available for use by the MTA. The RFQ proposal shall be presented to the Construction Committee at its May 1997 meeting.

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