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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON SALE OF CURRENCY CONTRACT
AWARD**

ISSUE

The CEO hereby notifies the Board, in accordance with the March 23rd Board directive to review the award process for subject procurement, that a review was conducted and completed the week of March 27, 2000. All relevant data was reviewed and it was determined that staff's award recommendation was consistent with the stated RFP evaluation criteria. Accordingly, the new contract for Sale of Currency services was issued to Cash Technologies Inc., the firm recommended for contract award, with an effective start date of April 1, 2000.

BACKGROUND

The MTA Board of Directors approved staff's recommendation for subject award to Cash Technologies Inc. at the February 27, 2000 Board meeting under RFP No. PS 5440 0592. The minutes of the February Board meeting were ratified at the March 27th Board meeting; however, the unsuccessful proposer, L A Federal Coin (hereafter referred to as LAFC), protested the award during the Public Comment segment of the March Board meeting.

Pursuant with the Board's directive to follow up with this matter, a review of the award process was conducted and a letter was sent to Mr. Jesse Ash of LAFC on March 30, 2000 informing him that the MTA had conducted its review and had determined that the award recommendation was consistent with the RFP instructions/requirements as follows:

- 1) Contract was awarded to the proposer which received the highest overall score. Several criteria, in addition to price, were evaluated in accordance with the published Evaluation Criteria and Basis of Award sections of the RFP.
- 2) The protest of contract award filed by LAFC was untimely; however, the MTA reviewed and responded to the protest and determined that in addition to the protest being untimely it was also without merit. This finding was transmitted to LAFC in a letter dated March 15, 2000. LAFC was also informed that the appeal process for the protest denial ended on March 23, 2000.

NEXT STEPS

Mr. Ash of LAFC has submitted a written request for a debriefing. The debriefing was originally scheduled for April 11th; however, due to subsequent schedule conflicts, the debriefing had to be cancelled for that date. The debriefing is being rescheduled based on LAFC and MTA staff availability. In accordance with RFP instructions and MTA Procurement Policy, the debriefing will be confined to a discussion of LAFC's proposal and its advantages and disadvantages in relation to the requirements of the RFP.