

**10993. RESOLUTION 15-25 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO REPOWER AND REPAIR THE MV DELAWARE**

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is a bi-state Authority of the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey that owns, operates and controls the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, the Forts Ferry and five (5) regional airports; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has previously determined that the MV Delaware be repowered, and previously executed a contract to design and purchase the engine, gears, and parts for said repowering, at a cost of \$3,270,000; and

WHEREAS, the Authority now desires to complete the repowering project and is soliciting bids to remove the current engine from the MV Delaware and install the new one; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has received a grant of \$975,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency to partially defray the cost of the repowering; and

WHEREAS, the Authority annually solicits bids for routine repair and refit of one of its ferries at drydock in the off season, and this year the ferry is the MV Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the bids for repowering and repair of the MV Delaware are being combined into one project, in order that the work may be performed simultaneously by a single drydock facility; and

WHEREAS, the bid opening for this project will occur today, July 21, 2015, and Authority staff will need a reasonable amount of time to evaluate the proposals that are received; and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting will not occur until September 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence, inasmuch as the repowering and repair must begin no later than November 1, 2015 in order that the work be completed within four (4) months and the MV Delaware be available for the 2016 peak season; and

WHEREAS, the Projects Committee reviewed this recommendation and concurs with it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the that the Commission hereby authorizes the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Director, with the advice of counsel, to finalize the terms and conditions of the contract to repower and repair the MV Delaware, provided that the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, and provided that the cost of the contract does not exceed the engineering estimate plus 10% (\$6,174,000, of which \$975,000 will be funded via the aforementioned EPA grant).

A motion to approve Resolution 15-25 was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Downes. Resolution 15-25 was approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.

## **Resolution 15-25 Executive Summary Sheet**

**Resolution:** Authorizes the execution of a contract to repower and repair the MV Delaware.

**Committee:** Projects Committee

**Committee Date:** July 21, 2015

**Board Date:** July 21, 2015

**Purpose of Resolution:**

To authorize the execution of a contract to repower and repair the MV Delaware, provided that the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and the cost does not exceed the engineering estimate plus 10% (\$6,174,000), of which \$975,000 will come from an Environmental Protection Agency grant.

**Background for Resolution:**

The Authority has previously determined that the MV Delaware will be repowered, and awarded a contract in the amount of \$3,270,000 to design and furnish a new engine, gears, and parts. The Authority is now soliciting bids to remove the Delaware's current engine and install the new one.

The Authority annually solicits bids to repair one of its three ferries; this year, the MV Delaware.

Bidding for the repowering and the repair have been combined into one project in order that the work can be performed simultaneously by a single drydocking facility.

Due to the complexity of the combined project, the bid due date has been extended two weeks, until July 21, 2015.

Staff will need some time to properly evaluate the bids that are received, but the next Board of Commissioners meeting is not until September 15, 2015. However, the project work must begin no later than November 1, 2015, in order for it be completed within 4 months, in time for the 2016 peak season.

This resolution therefore grants permission to award a contract for repower and repair without further Board action, so long as the award is made to the lowest responsible bidder, up to a maximum cost of \$6,174,000, which is

the engineering estimate plus 10%. Of the total cost, \$975,000 will be paid for by the EPA grant.