

12575 RESOLUTION 26-14 – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY AND ECS FEDERAL, LLC TO PROVIDE ON-SITE OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW VEHICLE/PASSENGER FERRY

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, created by compact, that operates and maintains the Cape May-Lewes Ferry (“CMLF”); and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2025, the Board of Commissioners authorized the award of CONTRACT NO. CMLF-25-AR CONSTRUCTION AND OUTFITTING OF A NEW 75-CAR PASSENGER/VEHICLE FERRY to Senesco Marine of North Kingstown, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, during the construction of the new vehicle/passenger ferry, the Authority will require the assistance of an expert(s) to serve as the DRBA’s on-site owner’s representative to ensure the successful completion of the vessel; and

WHEREAS, the Authority publicly advertised a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for On-Site Owner’s Representative Services in compliance with Resolution 24-17, as amended, which governs the Authority’s procurement rules and approval thresholds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority received five (5) responses to the RFP, performed a preliminary evaluation of each proposal, and ranked each response in accordance with the advertised selection criteria;

WHEREAS, following preliminary review and evaluation, the Authority created a short list of those firms with the highest ranking and held interviews with those firms.

WHEREAS, ECS FEDERAL, LLC, was awarded the highest ranking following interviews and final evaluation to complete the services for compensation not-to-exceed One Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$1,715,048.99), which the Authority has determined to be fair and reasonable; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to finalize the terms and conditions of a Service Agreement with ECS FEDERAL, LLC to provide the On-Site Owner’s Representative Services During the Construction of a New Vehicle/Passenger Ferry, and, with the advice and consent of Counsel, to have such Service Agreement executed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Executive Director.

Resolution 26-14 was moved by Commissioner Mehaffey, seconded by Commissioner Ratchford, and was approved by a roll call vote of 11-0.

Resolution 26-14 Executive Summary Sheet

Resolution: Authorizes an Agreement Between The Delaware River and Bay Authority and ECS Federal, LLC to Provide On-Site Owner's Representative Services During the Construction of a New Vehicle/Passenger Ferry

Committee: Projects Committee

Board Date: March 17, 2026

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize the Authority to hire ECS FEDERAL, LLC to provide On-Site Owner's Representative Services during the construction of a new vehicle/passenger ferry.

Background for Resolution:

Throughout the construction of the new vessel, the Authority will require the assistance of expert(s) to serve as the Authority's on-site owner's representative.

The following firms submitted proposals:

Crowley Engineering Services
ECS Federal*
Glosten Associates*
Marine Design and Operations
Martin & Ottaway*

**Shortlisted/Interviewed*

The Authority performed an evaluation of each submission and utilized the advertised evaluation criteria to establish a ranked list, with ECS FEDERAL, LLC receiving the highest ranking.

The procedures leading to this Resolution followed the requirements of Resolution 24-17, which governs the Authority's solicitation and approval thresholds for all purchases.