



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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CHRISTOPHER D. CLEMENT, SR.
COMMISSIONER

JEFF BRILLHART, P.E.
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Bureau of Rail & Transit
November 3, 2014

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Transportation to enter into a contract amendment with URS Corporation, Salem, NH and San Francisco, CA (Vendor #173869), for a two-part study of the Boston, MA to Concord, NH rail corridor (NH Capitol Corridor), to extend the completion date from December 31, 2014 to March 31, 2015, effective upon Governor and Council approval. The original agreement was approved by Governor and Council on February 6, 2013, Item #75. This request is for a time extension only, no new funding.

EXPLANATION

This time extension is requested in order to give the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) sufficient time to review and provide comments and questions regarding the final report for the New Hampshire Capitol Corridor Study. The two-part study includes an Alternatives Analysis for rail and transit in the Lowell-Nashua-Manchester portion of the corridor and a service development plan for intercity passenger rail in the corridor between Boston and Concord. The FRA has requested at least a six week timeframe from the submittal of the final draft report in order to complete their review which then may require responses from URS Corporation. It is anticipated that the final draft report will be completed in mid-December 2014.

All other provisions of the agreement shall remain in effect.

In the event that Federal funds become unavailable, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

The Agreement has been approved by the Attorney General as to form and execution, and the Department has verified that the funds are available. Copies of the fully executed agreement are on file at the Secretary of State's Office and the Department of Administrative Services' Office, and subsequent to Governor and Council approval will be on file at the Department of Transportation.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Clement, Sr.
Commissioner

Attachments



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



CHRISTOPHER D. CLEMENT, SR.
COMMISSIONER

JEFF BRILLHART, P.E.
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

October 31, 2014

BOSTON-LOWELL-NASHUA-
MANCHESTER-CONCORD
RAIL & TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Mr. Dean L. Groves, PE, M.ASCE
Vice President
Director, Strategic Growth Infrastructure Services, New England
URS Corporation
101 Federal Street, Suite 1000
Boston MA 02110-1817

Dear Mr. Groves,

This letter amends Article 1, Section F (Date of Completion) for the Boston-Lowell-Nashua-Manchester-Concord Rail & Transit Alternatives Analysis agreement. The original and amended completion dates are as follows:

Original Completion Date	December 31, 2014
By this letter, amended to	March 31, 2015

This no-additional-cost change order is for an extension request only. The amendment will be effective upon approval by the Governor and Council.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Grandmaison
For Ronald J. Grandmaison, P.E.
Project Manager

William J. Cass
Approved: William J. Cass, P.E.
Director of Project Development

We concur in the above Amendment

URS Corporation

By: *Thomas W. Coyott*
Title: VICE PRESIDENT

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

**BOSTON-LOWELL-NASHUA-MANCHESTER-CONCORD
RAIL & TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

URS CORPORATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this amended AGREEMENT on the day and year first above written.

Consultant

WITNESS TO THE CONSULTANT

By: Russell J. Wilder

Dated: 10/31/2014

CONSULTANT

By: Thomas W. Cayote

Title: VICE PRESIDENT

Dated: 10/31/2014

Department of Transportation

WITNESS TO THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

By: Dawn M. Donatt

Dated: 11-04-14

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

By: Patricia M. [Signature]

FOR NHDOT COMMISSIONER

Dated: 11/4/14

Attorney General

This is to certify that the above amended AGREEMENT has been reviewed by this office and is approved as to form and execution.

Dated: 11/5/14

By: [Signature]

Title: Attorney

Secretary of State

This is to certify that the GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL on _____ approved this amended AGREEMENT.

Dated: _____

Attest:

By: _____

Secretary of State

State of New Hampshire Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, William M. Gardner, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that URS CORPORATION a(n) Nevada corporation, is authorized to transact business in New Hampshire and qualified on February 8, 1994. I further certify that all fees and annual reports required by the Secretary of State's office have been received.



In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 31st day of October, A.D. 2014

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William M. Gardner".

William M. Gardner
Secretary of State



CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Kristin L. Jones, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of URS Corporation, a Nevada corporation (the "Corporation"), and that, as of January 1, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Corporation, by unanimous written consent, duly adopted a resolution authorizing Thomas Lazott, Vice President of the Corporation, to sign any and all contracts or amendments to contracts on behalf of the Corporation.

I do further certify that the above resolution has not been amended or revoked and is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Jones', written over a horizontal line.

Kristin L. Jones, Secretary

SUPPLEMENT TO CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

DATE
08/27/2014

NAME OF INSURED: URS Corporation

Additional Description of Operations/Remarks from Page 1:

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Additional Information:

The Workers' Compensation coverage shown does not apply in monopolistic states.

In the States of ND, OH, WA and WY Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State Fund.

In those States, the below-referenced policies provide Stop-Gap Employers' Liability only.

Workers Compensation policies apply as indicated below:

National Union Fire Ins Co Pittsburgh, PA (NAIC# 19445100):

WC 015656173 - CA

Insurance Company Of The State Of PA (NAIC# 19429100):

WC 015656175 - MA, WI (Stop Gap - ND, OH, WA, WY)

WC 015656176 - AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, DE, GA, ID, KS, KY, MD, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NH, NM, NV, NY,

OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WV

WC 015656178 - ME

Illinois National Ins Co (NAIC# 23817001):

WC 015656174 - FL

WC 015656177 - CT, DC, HI, IA, IL, IN, LA, MI, NE, NJ

Insurer Cancellation Terms

Named Insured: URS Corporation	Policy No. Various
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Holder Name: New Hampshire Department of Transportation

Cancellation Terms:

30 Days Notice of Cancellation will be provided by the carriers in accordance with the policy terms and conditions in the event the policies are canceled or non-renewed, for any reason other than non-payment of premiums.

Cancellation Terms Apply to the following coverages:

General Liability Auto Liability Workers Compensation Professional Liability



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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Approved 2/6/2013

CHRISTOPHER D. CLEMENT, SR.
COMMISSIONER

JEFF BRILLHART, P.E.
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Bureau of Rail & Transit
January 24, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Transportation to enter into an Agreement with URS Corporation, Salem, NH, and San Francisco, CA, Vendor #173869, for an amount not to exceed \$3,655,752, to undertake a study of the Boston MA to Concord NH rail corridor (NH Capitol Corridor) to analyze transit options in the corridor including the viability of establishing passenger rail service on this line. The two-part study will include an Alternatives Analysis for rail and transit in the Lowell-Nashua-Manchester portion of the corridor and a service development plan for intercity passenger rail in the corridor between Boston and Concord, effective upon Governor and Council approval, through December 31, 2014. 88.75% Federal Funds; 11.25% General Funds

Funding is available as follows:

04-96-96-964010-2916 FY 2013
Public Transportation
072-509073 Contracts \$3,244,624
04-96-96-960030-0546
264:1, XIV, C Rail-Match
034-500151 Bonded Expenses \$411,128

EXPLANATION

The Department has been awarded Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) planning funds to undertake certain tasks in the 78-mile rail corridor referred to as the NH Capitol Corridor. Although funding for the study is from two separate Federal agencies, the Department will employ a single professional engineering consultant to complete the study. The FTA funds will be used to prepare an Alternatives Analysis for rail and transit in the Lowell-Nashua-Manchester corridor, connecting New Hampshire's major population centers to metropolitan Boston. The selected alternative must be one with a strong justification and a realistic capital and operating financial plan to be considered for future funding through legislative approval. The Alternatives Analysis will begin with a definition of the purpose and need of the project. Alternatives including a range of rail and bus transit modes will be defined and evaluated according to measures of forecast ridership, capital costs, operating and maintenance costs, environmental impacts, and land use analysis. The consultant will work closely with the Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, NH Rail Transit Authority, and stakeholders in the corridor. The final step of the alternatives analysis will be identification of, financial planning for, and environmental assessment of the preferred alternative. A public information component will be included to provide clear and understandable information at each step of the process being undertaken; the problem, alternatives, evaluation of alternatives, and selection of a preferred alternative. Stakeholders, including the Federal Transit Administration and public agencies at all levels, private transportation providers and property owners, and others, will need to be involved in the project as it progresses. The FRA funds will be used to prepare a service development plan for intercity passenger rail in the corridor between Boston and Concord. This work will include the evaluation of required infrastructure improvements, a determination of capital, operating and maintenance costs, an appraisal of ridership and demand forecasts, and the development of a service-level environmental assessment.

The consultant selection process employed by the Department for this qualifications-based contract is in accordance with RSAs 21-I:22, 21-I:22-c and 21-I:22-d, all applicable Federal laws and the Department's "Consultant Selection and Service Agreement Procedures" dated December 1999. The Department's Consultant Selection Committee is a standing committee that meets regularly to administer the process and make determinations. The Committee is comprised of the Assistant Director of Project Development (chair), the Chief Project Manager, the Administrators of the Bureaus of Highway Design, Bridge Design, Environment, and Materials and Research, and the Municipal Highways Engineer. In this particular instance, the Administrator of the Bureau of Rail and Transit was also a voting member of the Committee.

The consultant selection process for this qualifications-based contract was initiated by a solicitation for consultant services for Rail & Transit Alternatives Analysis Services. The assignment was listed as a "Possible Action Project" on the Department's website on March 10, 2011, asking for letters of interest from qualified firms. From the list of firms that submitted letters of interest, the Committee prepared a long and then short list of Consultants on April 14, 2011 for consideration and approval by the Assistant Commissioner. Upon receipt of that approval, four shortlisted firms were notified on June 8, 2011 through a technical "Request For Proposal" (RFP). Committee members individually rated the firms' technical proposals on June 24, 2011 using a written ballot to score each firm on the basis of comprehension of the assignment, clarity of the proposal, capacity to perform in a timely manner, quality and experience of the project manager and the team, previous performance, and overall suitability for the assignment. The individual rankings were then totaled to provide an overall ranking of the four firms, and the Committee's ranking was submitted to the Assistant Commissioner for consideration and approval. Upon receipt of the Assistant Commissioner's approval, the short listed firms were notified of the results and the highest-ranking firm was asked to submit a fee proposal for negotiations.

The long list of nine consultant firms that were considered for this assignment, with the four short-listed firms shown in bold, is as follows:

<u>Consultant Firm</u>	<u>Office Location</u>
The Louis Berger Group	Manchester, NH
Gannett Fleming Transit & Rail Systems	Audubon, PA
HDR Engineering, Inc.	Boston, MA
IBI Group	Boston, MA
Parsons Brinckerhoff	Manchester, NH
Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc.	Salem, NH
Systra Consulting, Inc.	Lebanon, NH
URS Corporation	Salem, NH
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.	Bedford, NH

The firm of URS Corporation has been recommended for this contract. This firm has an excellent reputation and has demonstrated their capability to perform the required services. Background information on this firm is attached. URS Corporation has agreed to furnish the required services for a total fee not to exceed \$3,655,752.00. This is a reasonable fee and is commensurate with the complexity of the project and the scope of engineering and technical services to be furnished.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds (Earmark ID E2009-ALTA-021) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) funds (Grant ID #FR-HSR-0101-12-01-00) are funded at eighty percent (80%) and the funds are fully obligated. State participation in the amount of \$411,128 (20% of FRA portion) was requested and has been appropriated under HB-25-FN-A Amend 2007, 264:1, XIV, C. State participation in the amount of \$380,000 (20% of FTA portion) in turnpike toll credit was requested and approved by the Capital Budget Oversight Committee on January 9, 2013, effectively using 100% federal funds for the FTA portion.

This Agreement has been approved by the Attorney General as to form and execution. The Department has verified that the necessary funds are available. Copies of the fully-executed Agreement are on file at the Secretary of State's Office and the Department of Administrative Services, and subsequent to Governor and Council approval will be on file at the Department of Transportation.

It is respectfully requested that authority be given to enter into an Agreement for consulting services as outlined above.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Christopher D. Clement, Sr. in black ink, featuring a stylized 'C' and 'D' followed by a flourish that ends in an upward-pointing arrow.

Christopher D. Clement, Sr.
Commissioner