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MEMORANDUM

TO: Program, Finance and Personnel Committee
FROM: Abigail St. Peter, Assistant Planner
DATE: September 27, 2012

FOR AGENDA: October 4, 2012

SUBJECT: DATTCO One-year Paratransit Service Contract Extension

On May 7, 2009, the Agency Board authorized execution of a three-year contract with DATTCO for the provision of paratransit services to the Region. These subsidized transit services are federally mandated services that ConnDOT is required to assure the provision of to all citizens with disabilities who live within three-quarters of a mile of a regular, or "fixed route," transit service and who are unable to use the fixed route transit service. In turn ConnDOT contracts with various agencies throughout the state to provide the paratransit service. We are ConnDOT's contractor for paratransit service in our Region. We screen the applicants for the service and have a contract with DATTCO to operate the buses.

The three-year contract with DATTCO commenced July 1, 2009 and could be extended for a maximum of two years beyond the original expiration date of June 30, 2012. On March 1, 2012, on your recommendation, the Board authorized an extension of the contract with DATTCO for the provision of paratransit services to the Region for one year, expiring June 30, 2013. At that time the extension of the contract was contingent upon the successful achievement of various actions by DATTCO by certain noted dates. DATTCO has successfully achieved, or is in the process of achieving, all of the notations outlined in the extension. For this reason, we believe DATTCO is well positioned to continue fulfilling the provisions of the contract and providing paratransit service for our Region through June 30, 2014, at which time a new contract will have to be executed after appropriate advertising of a request for proposals.

On September 11, 2012, we received a letter from Mr. Thomas Morrow, Executive Director of the Bristol Community Organization, Inc. (BCO) requesting that the paratransit service be advertised for bid when the current contract extension expires on June 30, 2013 due to recent investigations by the State Ethics Commission in regards to Mr. Tricarico. Furthermore, Mr. Morrow requested that the bid be structured to allow vendors to bid for

the operation of paratransit service in Bristol separately from the rest of the service region. We have advised Mr. Morrow that you will be discussing this at the meeting on October 4, 2012.

At this time, we are approximately one year removed from when Mr. Tricarico resigned from the Agency. From that time on, the Agency has been working closely with DATTCO to ensure the continued provision of paratransit service to our clients. With the guidance we have provided to DATTCO, the service has been working well during this time and DATTCO has fulfilled the provisions of the contract. Therefore we do not think it is timely to re-bid the service.

On that basis, it is my

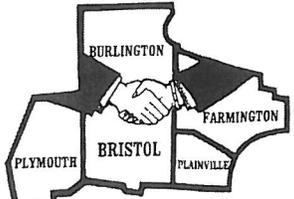
RECOMMENDATION

That your Committee

Recommend that the Agency Board authorize the attached one-year extension to our contract with DATTCO for the provision of paratransit services to the Region.

cc: Agency Board and Mr. Thomas Morrow

Attachments: Letter from Mr. Thomas Morrow, Executive Director BCO
Draft DATTCO One-year Paratransit Service Contract Extension



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Carl J. Stephani
Executive Director, CCRPA
225 North Main Street
Suite 304
Bristol, CT 06010

September 11, 2012

Dear Carl:

As you know, the Bristol Community Organization (BCO) provided Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Para-Transit services to Bristol residents for many years. In fact, this service represented the bulk of the transportation program we ran at BCO. That all changed when it was decided to award the Bristol contract to Dattco of New Britain along with the rest of the region.

In light of recent investigations by the State Ethics Commission in regards to your former transit manager, the BCO Board of Directors took the following action at it's monthly Board of Director's meeting on September 10th. At this meeting it was voted: "To request that the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency (CCRPA) rebid the Para-Transit service for the Central Connecticut region and structure such bid as it was in 2009 (allowing for vendors to bid for the Bristol portion of the region)."

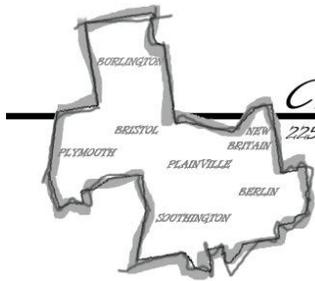
It is our understanding that the Dattco Bus Company is currently operating under a one year contract extension set to expire on June 30, 2013. For this reason, it is hoped that this re-bidding of the program be done so that the successful bidder(s) could begin with a new contract on July 1, 2013.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom Morrow
Executive Director

Cc: James P. Redeker, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Transportation



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CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (CCRPA)
AND
DATTCO INCORPORATED

CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND
DATTCO INCORPORATED CONCERNING PROVISION OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES
ACT (ADA) PARATRANSIT SERVICES

JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012

- A. **Whereas** The Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency (CCRPA) and DATTCO, Inc. entered into a contract (“Contract”) for the provision of paratransit services in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012 and said Contract may be extended for a maximum of two (2) years beyond the original expiration date, and whereas both parties entered into an extension for one (1) year commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, and whereas both parties are desirous of enacting an extension of the agreement, then,
- B. **Terms of Contract** Both the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency and DATTCO, Inc. agree to extend the Contract for a period of one (1) year, from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
- C. **Compensation.** DATTCO, Inc. shall be compensated for services rendered pursuant to this Contract at an hourly rate of \$45.58 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 based upon Revenue Vehicle Hours. All fares collected from passengers shall be retained by DATTCO, Inc. and offset the total amount requested in the monthly invoice. In addition to the hourly rate, DATTCO, Inc. will be compensated for all costs related to the purchase of Ultra-low sulfur #2 diesel fuel with the exception of Connecticut’s diesel fuel excise tax. This amount will be billed separately and accompanied by a monthly report to CCRPA detailing fuel usage under the terms of this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals on the day and year indicated.

WITNESSES:

Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency

By: _____ Seal
Carl J. Stephani
Executive Director

Name

Date: _____

Name

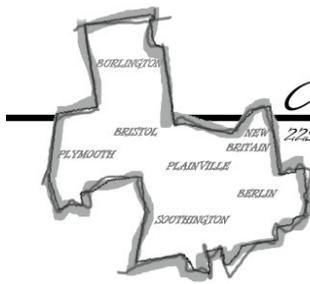
DATTCO Incorporated

By: _____ Seal
Louis A. DeVivo
Chairman/CEO

Name

Date: _____

Name



MEMORANDUM

TO: Program, Finance and Personnel Committee
FROM: Carl J. Stephani, Executive Director
DATE: October 2, 2012
FOR AGENDA: October 4, 2012
SUBJECT: Recommendation to the Agency Board - Authorization for the Executive Director to Submit a \$500,000 Brownfields Remediation Grant Application to the CT DECD on behalf of the Town of Berlin, and to execute a form of "Pass-Thru" Agreement for the funds

On Wednesday, September 26, 2012, we received the attached draft application from the Town of Berlin for a \$500,000 grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for the remediation of a brownfield site across from the Berlin Amtrak Station. The Town had submitted the application directly to DECD but been advised that the program was only available to Regional Planning Organizations. This remediation work will be completely consistent with our Regional Plan of Conservation and Development and other Regional Plans.

Town staff then contacted us and asked if we would re-submit the application on their behalf, serving only as an intermediary so that the grant funds could "pass-thru" to them. To accomplish that the Town and the Agency would sign a form of Financial Assistance Passthrough Agreement commonly used by State agencies (see attachment).

If you authorize submission of this application, and execution of the proposed pass-thru agreement, when the grant is approved the Town would enter into an agreement with CCRPA to pass through the grant funds and require that the Town take care of compliance with all grant terms and conditions. The Town would then enter into contracts with consultants and contractors to complete the remediation work.

On that basis, it is my

RECOMMENDATION

that your Committee

Recommend that the Agency Board authorize the Executive Director to submit the attached \$500,000 Brownfields Remediation Grant application to DECD, and to execute a Passthrough Agreement with the Town of Berlin for assumption of all grant-related responsibilities.

cc: Agency Board

Attachments: Grant Application
Project Description
Pro forma Financial Assistance Passthrough Agreement