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SACOG Board of Directors

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Consent

Authorize Awarding of Contracts for Transportation Development Act Performance Audits for Transit Operators and SACOG

Issue: Should SACOG award contracts for three State required Transportation Development Act (TDA) Performance Audits?

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contracts with Moore & Associates to perform the Regional Transit and Paratransit Inc. TDA Performance Audit, Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) to perform the SACOG TDA Performance Audit; and JKaplan & Associates to perform the Smaller Transit Operators TDA Performance Audits.

Committee Action/Discussion: On July 31, 2009, SACOG released the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for three state required triennial Transportation Development Act (TDA) performance audits. The triennial performance audits must be completed by June 30, 2010. Section 99246 of the California Public Utilities Code requires a triennial performance audit for all transit operators and the regional transportation planning agency under the Transportation Development Act to evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of operation of each entity being audited. Staff prepared three RFPs, one for the audits of six “smaller” operators: Yolo County Transportation District, City of Davis Transit Services, Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority, South Sacramento County Transit Service, e-Tran/Elk Grove Transit, and Folsom Stage Line for \$90,000; one for the audits of the Sacramento Regional Transit District and Paratransit, Inc. for \$88,000; and one for SACOG’s TDA performance audit \$28,000 for a maximum aggregate contract amount totaling \$206,000.

The RFPs were posted on the SACOG website and released to an extensive list of transportation consulting firms that conduct performance audits. The proposals were due on August 31, 2009. There was an excellent response to the RFP, eight proposals were received for the Small Operator audits, seven for the SACOG audit, and eight for the RT and Paratransit, Inc. audit. Selection committees made up of SACOG staff and the transit service representatives have convened to score the proposals based on the criteria set forth in the RFPs. The committees unanimously recommended selection of the firms for the smaller transit operators and the SACOG audits. The proposals for the Regional Transit and Paratransit Inc. audit included an interview for the two top rated firms. The interview resulted in Moore & Associates being unanimously recommended for selection.

The contract with Moore and Associates would be for an amount not to exceed \$81,867, the contract for JKaplan & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 and to PMC in an amount not to exceed \$26,045.

At the October Transportation Committee meeting, Director Cabaldon requested that staff review the audit requirements and investigate opportunities to change the intervals covered by an audit so that some of the money spent on future TDA audits could instead go towards local transportation needs. Staff has confirmed that this change would require a change in state TDA law. A staff recommendation on this requirement change will be provided at an upcoming Transportation Committee meeting.

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