



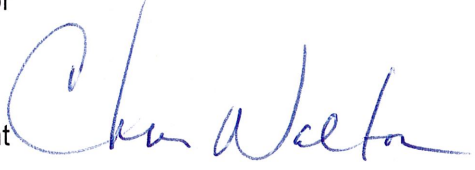
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2018

TO: Brenda Billingsley, Director
Purchasing Division

FROM: Chris Walton, Director
Transportation Department 

SUBJECT: Request to Piggyback on the State of Georgia Public Mass Transit eRFP No. 99999-001-SPD-0000138-0008, for the Procurement of fifteen (15) BYD Electric Transit Buses.

The Broward County Transit Division (BCT) has an immediate need to secure a contract for the purchase of fifteen (15) BYD 40-Foot, Low-Floor, Electric Transit Buses. BCT is requesting approval to piggyback on the State of Georgia Contract No. 99999-001-SPD-0000138-0008 with BYD Motors, Inc.

Presently, BCT does not have battery electric buses in its fleet and will replace diesel buses in its fleet with at least fifteen (15) electric buses from BYD. BYD is located in Los Angeles, California, and is the leader in the zero-emissions bus industry. Worldwide, BYD has been developing electric and hybrid vehicles since 2004. The potential benefits of battery electric buses include savings arising through reductions in fuel consumption, reduced or zero emissions, reduced or low noise pollution, and air quality and odor reductions due to the zero tailpipe emissions.

The benefits of using the State of Georgia agreement includes:

- BYD committed to deliver the buses within a twelve (12) month window, as opposed to the industry standard lead-time of approximately fourteen (14) to eighteen (18) months from the notice to proceed.
- Avoiding abutting scheduled orders already committed to other transit agencies.
- Georgia's agreement (including options) with BYD meets the County's technical specifications.
- This purchase is time sensitive and will minimize operational and administrative support needed to prepare and complete a bid.
- The provision of additional stocking of parts, which is more cost effective.
- Reduction of the time spent and cost for BCT and the Purchasing Division in processing individual bids for the purchase of the electric buses.

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The Federal Transit Administration allows transit systems to purchase vehicles on a piggyback of other transit contracts and procurements that were bid (competitively) in compliance with the FTA and APTA guidelines. BCT previously purchased transit buses piggybacking on an agreement between Metropolitan Council, Minnesota, and Gillig, LLC, in June 2017.

Therefore, BCT is requesting approval to piggybacking on State of Georgia agreement with BYD, for the purchase of fifteen (15) electric transit buses, including spare parts, training and manuals.

For additional information, please contact James Fourcade at JFourcade@broward.org or 954-357-8441.

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