

AGENDA ITEM 9-B
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN KAUFFMAN AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: APRIL 20, 2007

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AIR BRAKE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a one-year contract with two additional one-year options with Touchtone Industries of Jacksonville, Florida for air brake services for a total contract value not to exceed \$660,000.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the majority of air brake services for VRE's equipment are provided through Amtrak. VRE has found that the provision of these services through Amtrak is both slow and cumbersome. As such, an Invitation for Bids for these services was issued on March 6, 2007, with bids due on April 10, 2007. Two bids were received and following bid openings, staff is recommending award to Touchtone Industries.

Bids were requested for a one year contract with two additional one-year options. Pricing was provided as a firm, fixed, unit price bid in which the bidders were given a turnaround requirement to rebuild air brake components that will be sent to them from VRE. VRE is requesting authorization for the total term of the contract, with the VRE CEO exercising the option years at his discretion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract is funded through the maintenance activities of the FY08 VRE Operating Budget.

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**RESOLUTION
9B-04-2007
OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD**

WHEREAS, currently, the majority of air brake services for VRE's equipment are provided through Amtrak; and,

WHEREAS, VRE has found that the provision of these services through Amtrak is both slow and cumbersome; and,

WHEREAS, an Invitation for Bids was issued, those bids were opened publicly, and the most responsive, responsible vendor was selected on April 10, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a one-year contract with two additional one-year options with Touchtone Industries of Jacksonville, Florida for air brake services for a total contract value not to exceed \$660,000.