

**AGENDA ITEM 9-A**  
**ACTION ITEM**

**TO: CHAIRMAN ZIMMERMAN AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD**

**FROM: DALE ZEHNER**

**DATE: AUGUST 21, 2009**

**RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR REPAIR AND OVERHAUL OF AIR BRAKE EQUIPMENT**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Wabtec Corporation of Wilmerding, Pennsylvania, for the repair and overhaul of air brake equipment in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 over a three year period.

**BACKGROUND:**

In August of 2008, the Operations Board authorized the issuance of an RFP for the repair and overhaul of air brake equipment. A request for proposals (RFP) was subsequently issued on February 27, 2009. Two proposals were received, Touchton Industries and Wabtec Corporation. Following selection committee review, Touchton Industries was recommended to and approved by the Board for award in April 2009. Since that time, Touchton has been unable to provide satisfactory proof of insurance. As a result of that failure, VRE issues a notice of non-compliance on June 26, 2009.

Wabtec, having submitted a responsible and responsive proposal, was an acceptable second choice. Negotiations have been completed and a contract is now being recommended for award.

The scope of services for this contract includes the rebuilding and certification testing of individual air brake components. This work is needed based on federally required certification cycles or unexpected repairs due to component failures.

The contract is being recommended for three years, a base year plus two, one-year options, with the CEO exercising the option years at his discretion.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding will be provided through the FY 2010 through FY 2013 operating budgets.

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**RESOLUTION  
9A-08-2009  
OF THE  
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS  
OPERATIONS BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, in August 2008, the Operations Board authorized the issuance of an RFP for repair and overhaul of air brake equipment; and,

**WHEREAS**, this work is needed based on federally required certification cycles or unexpected repairs due to component failures; and,

**WHEREAS**, a competitive selection process was conducted and the previously selected proposer was unable to provide satisfactory proof of insurance; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wabtec, having submitted a responsible and responsive proposal, is now being recommended for award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Wabtec Corporation of Wilmerding, Pennsylvania, for the repair and overhaul of air brake equipment in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a three year period.