

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 8-C
ACTION ITEM

TO: CHAIRMAN ZIMMERMAN AND THE VRE OPERATIONS BOARD

FROM: DALE ZEHNER

DATE: AUGUST 21, 2009

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE AN RFP FOR A SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a comprehensive Security and Emergency Preparedness Training Program for VRE staff, crew and first responders.

BACKGROUND:

To-date, VRE's Security and Emergency Training Program has been largely focused on the training of first responders in the VRE service area. VRE staff also receive in-house training and Amtrak crew working VRE trains receive training from both VRE and directly from Amtrak. The Baseline Assessment and Security Evaluation conducted by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in June 2008 recommended that a comprehensive training program be developed for all aforementioned parties. Based on this recommendation, VRE applied to DHS for funding to implement this program and funding was received.

The scope of work for this procurement includes designing and implementing a comprehensive training program over a two year period. The contract will be structured as a firm, fixed fee contract. Following the receipt and evaluation of proposals, VRE staff will return to the Operations Board with a recommendation for award.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project will be funded via a 2007 Department of Homeland Security Grant. The grant provides 100% funding, so no local match is required.

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**RESOLUTION
8C-08-2009
OF THE
VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS
OPERATIONS BOARD**

WHEREAS, to-date, VRE's Security and Emergency Training Program has been largely focused on the training of first responders in the VRE service area; and,

WHEREAS, the Baseline Assessment and Security Evaluation conducted by the Department of Homeland Security recommended that a comprehensive training program be developed for VRE staff, crew and first responders; and,

WHEREAS, based on this recommendation, VRE applied to DHS for funding to implement this program and funding was received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a comprehensive Security and Emergency Preparedness Training Program for VRE staff, crew and first responders.