



Date of Memo: July 10, 2024
Current Meeting: July 18, 2024
Board Meeting: July 25, 2024

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: President/CEO Jennifer Pyrz
FROM: Director of Life Safety and Security Mark Emmons
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of Alertus Text-to-Speech Modification

ACTION ITEM A – 3

RECOMMENDATION:

In a manner consistent with IndyGo contract award standards, we request that the Board authorize the President/CEO to enter into a contract agreement with Multiguard Corporation. This agreement will be for the purchase and installation of the Alertus Text-to-Speech modification at 9503 E 33rd Street and 2425 W. Michigan Street for an amount not to exceed \$156,570.

BACKGROUND:

In November 2022, the Board of Directors approved an action item to procure the Alertus Mass Notification System for the two facilities listed above. At the time of that procurement, it was decided that IndyGo did not want to purchase the text-to-speech option due to the total cost of both packages. The Alertus system was installed, and IndyGo incorporated it into its quarterly safety drills.

DISCUSSION:

After running several quarterly life safety drills using the system, it was found that IndyGo needed to add the audio portion for enhanced communication. The text-to-speech system would allow employees who may not be near a computer screen, alert beacon, or marquee sign to better respond to the emergency without having to find the nearest beacon or sign. This would decrease the time needed to respond to the emergency and lower the possibility of putting an employee in harm's way. The project will be a sole source project as Alertus is the only manufacturer of this system. Alertus does not sell its product to the end user and requires IndyGo to use an authorized Alertus dealer to purchase and install the equipment. Multiguard is the vendor of record for the IndyGo account.

If the Board approves IndyGo to purchase the system for both locations, Multiguard has agreed to give a 3% discount on the price, bringing the amount to \$151,873.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to award this contract. If this alternative is selected, the implications of this decision are as follows:

- There would be no text-to-speech system to assist in quicker notification for those not close to a beacon or marquee sign.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project is unbudgeted, and the funding source for this procurement will come from the proceeds of the 2021 approved bond issue.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

There is no DBE goal associated with this contract award.

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action item will be reviewed by the Finance Committee on July 18, 2024.