

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-088

**APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO THE
AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 2013-B-4,
ULTRA-HIGH PRESSURE WATER JETTING MACHINE, TO
NLB CORPORATION**

November 16, 2012

WHEREAS, ultra-high pressure (UHP) technology has the benefit of increased efficiency and reduced costs of operation, compared to dry abrasive blasting and other surface preparation methods currently used by District maintenance personnel; and,

WHEREAS, UHP technology also eliminates the need for ventilated containment, capture and disposal of spent abrasive that is generated from dry abrasive blasting; and,

WHEREAS, the District desires to purchase an UHP water jetting machine for the removal of old coatings from certain Golden Gate Bridge (Bridge) components in preparation for surface painting; and,

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2012, the District advertised Contract No. 2013-B-4, *Ultra-High Pressure Water Jetting Machine*, and one bid was received from NLB Corporation, Wixom, MI, by the deadline date of September 25, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, NLB's bid met all of the technical requirements of the bid, but contained significant, un-waivable irregularities that rendered it non-responsive; and,

WHEREAS, District staff contacted all firms that could have participated in the bid process, and determined that NLB was the only manufacturer interested in and able to provide, equipment meeting the District's requirements, and that no other re-sellers of NLB equipment were interested in bidding on the project if NLB, the manufacturer, was also bidding; and,

WHEREAS, NLB is recognized as one of the world leaders in the UHP pump industry and its equipment is used on numerous bridges and steel structures, including the Richmond – San Rafael Bridge and the San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge, and staff therefore determined it would be unavailing and not in the public's best interest to rebid the project and, in accordance with applicable State law and in consultation with the District's attorney, opened negotiations with NLB; and,

WHEREAS, negotiations with NLB were completed favorably, with the issues that had rendered its bid non-responsive having been resolved; and,

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WHEREAS, NLB will honor the price it submitted as part of the competitive bid process, which price is fair and reasonable, and consistent with staff's original estimate of the cost of the ultra-high pressure water jetting machine and is comparable to what other public agencies have paid for similar equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the District's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Administrator reviewed NLB's submissions and found that NLB did not identify itself as a certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and that, because there were no subcontracting opportunities for this Contract, no DBE forms are required for submittal and, therefore, no DBE participation is anticipated during the performance of this Contract; and,

WHEREAS, the Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole, at its meeting of October 26, 2012, has so recommended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District hereby rejects the one bid received in response to the District's Invitation for Bids as non-responsive; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the award of negotiated Contract No. 2013-B-4, *Ultra-High Pressure Water Jetting Machine*, to NLB Corporation of Wixom, MI, in the amount of \$136,580.47, to provide an ultra-high pressure water jetting machine for the removal of old coatings from certain Golden Gate Bridge components in preparation for surface painting; and, be it further

RESOLVED that requisite funds are available in the FY 12/13 Bridge Division Capital Budget.

ADOPTED this 16th day of November 2012, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:


AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Chu, Cochran, Elsbernd, Fredericks, Moylan, Pahre, Rabbitt, Renée, Snyder, Sobel and Stroeh; Second Vice President Grosboll; First Vice President Eddie; President Reilly

NOES (0): None

ABSENT (4): Directors Campos, Mar, Sears and Theriault



Janet Reilly
President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST: 

Janet S. Tarantino
Secretary of the District