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RTA Board action boosts Euclid Corridor Project

°CLEVELAND -- The Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) today passed two resolutions that give a big boost to the \$246-million Euclid Corridor Transportation Project. The Project is the largest in RTA's history. It is now in final design, and construction work should start late next year.

°Construction Management Services

The Board awarded a \$6.98 million contract to the Washington Group of Cleveland for construction management services. The firm will strengthen RTA's technical capacity to administer the final design and construction aspects of the Project.

"This vendor has a team of professional engineers and construction management staff with strong experience in nationally recognized transit projects," says Joe Calabrese, RTA CEO & General Manager. "We are pleased to be able to hire an all-local team of prime and sub contractors."

More than 25 percent of the work will be done by two local firms that are Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) -- the Ralph C. Tyler Companies of Cleveland, and Dalia Consultants of North Royalton.

The selection team included representatives from each funding partner -- the City of Cleveland, the Ohio Department of Transportation, RTA and NOACA.

°Other sub-contractors are:

- DLZ of Cleveland.
- Osborn Architects and Engineers of Cleveland.
- Quality Control Inspection Inc. of Bedford.

"Combined, these companies employ more than 650 Greater Clevelanders," Calabrese says.

°Safety Certification

The Board also awarded a contract not to exceed \$574,000 to the K&J Safety and Security Consulting Group for safety and certification services. The action is required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The firm has a team of experienced engineers who have worked on major transit projects around the nation. They will have the final sign-off on all safety aspects of the Project before it begins operation.

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