



MEMORANDUM
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
PROCUREMENT SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Brett Wood, Purchasing Manager
SUBJECT: Real-Time Passenger Information System – NextBus, Inc.

DATE: April 19, 2016

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the award of a negotiated purchase order to NextBus Inc. of Emeryville, CA for the purchase of a Real-Time Passenger Information System for the Department of Public Works and Facilities' Transit/TART Division in the maximum amount of \$197,528, funded with Proposition 1B PTMISEA grant funds awarded to Placer County and the City of Lincoln; and

Authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign all required documents.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Public Works and Facilities' Transit/TART Division (DPWF) manages and operates Placer County Transit and Tahoe Area Regional Transit. These transit systems operate forty-five agency owned buses in Western Placer County and Truckee/North Lake Tahoe. DPWF submitted a request to purchase and install a NextBus Real-Time Passenger Information System in fourteen Placer County Transit fleet buses. This system allows passengers to obtain real-time bus information by internet, text messages, or by calling.

DPWF currently contracts with NextBus to provide real-time information regarding the arrival and departure of transit buses operating in the Truckee/North Lake Tahoe region, using the NextBus Real-Time Passenger Information System. DPWF wishes to maintain standardization within the fleet of buses by having the Real-Time Passenger Information System installed by NextBus in the Placer County Transit buses and believes it would be inefficient to operate two different passenger information systems.

DPWF obtained a price quote for the above-mentioned services from NextBus Inc. of Emeryville, CA, who is the sole manufacturer, distributor, and authorized installer for NextBus Real-Time Passenger Information System.

Purchasing Policy Manual Section 1.3(i) allows for an exception to the competitive bidding process when a commodity can only be purchased from one (1) supplier because of its technology, specialized unique character or proprietary nature. The purchase from NextBus Inc. meets this criterion.

Therefore your Board's approval is required to award a purchase order in the amount of \$197,528.

FISCAL IMPACT

This purchase will be funded with Proposition 1B PTMISEA grant with no new net County cost.

cc: Will Garner, Transportation Manager, Department of Public Works and Facilities
Bob Costa, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works and Facilities

