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To: Board of Directors
From: Leanne P. Redden, Executive Director
Date: May 12, 2022
Re: Ordinance authorizing a contract for aerial photography

Action Requested

The proposed ordinance authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a 2-year contract with NearMap US, Inc. for a subscription to seamless, high-resolution aerial photography for GIS mapping and other spatial-related applications at a cost not to exceed \$520,000. One hundred percent of the contract will be funded by the RTA.

Background

The RTA and its partner agencies utilize aerial photography extensively to assist with daily responsibilities. Imagery is used for GIS and other mapping applications such as base maps, routing, spatial accuracy confirmation, temporal changes in land-use, capital construction, field data collection and infrastructure maintenance. Additionally, it is used on the RTAMS (RTA Mapping and Statistics) website and other interactive maps.

Description

The contract will allow the RTA, CTA, Metra and Pace to have unlimited access to online seamless high-resolution aerial photography for in-house mapping applications. The contract allows for RTA to use the product for public internet mapping uses, such as www.rtachicago.org and www.RTAMS.org.

Financial Impact

NearMap US, Inc. has submitted the Authority's Vendor/Contractor Certification that discloses the names of the principals and any contracted lobbyists, certifies that entering into this contract will not create a prohibited conflict of interest, and certifies that the firm and its principals have not been debarred or suspended from participating in public contracts and have not been convicted of procurement-related offenses. The firm has agreed to update the Certifications should any of the information change during the contract period.

The total cost of the proposed contract is not-to-exceed \$520,000. One hundred percent of the contract will be funded using RTA funds. The first year of RTA funding was approved as part of the RTA's 2022 budget. Funding for subsequent years is subject to annual budget appropriations by the RTA Board.

Prepared by: Capital Programming and Planning

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Attachments



ORDINANCE NO.

WHEREAS, one of the strategies outlined in *Invest in Transit*, the 2018-2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan, is to collect and share more transit-related data;

WHEREAS, the RTA and its partner agencies utilize aerial photography extensively to assist with daily responsibilities that include mapping, field data collection, land use interpretation and infrastructure management;

WHEREAS, CTA, Metra and Pace have expressed the continued need for similar information such that a joint purchase made by the RTA on behalf of the three agencies is an efficient use of resources;

WHEREAS, after a complete bidding process, the RTA has found that NearMap US, Inc. was the most responsive and responsible lowest bidder; and

WHEREAS, NearMap US, Inc. has submitted the Authority's Vendor/Contractor Certification that discloses the names of the principals and any contracted lobbyists, certifies that entering into this contract will not create a prohibited conflict of interest, and certifies that the firm and its principals have not been debarred or suspended from participating in public contracts and have not been convicted of procurement-related offenses. The firm has agreed to update the Certifications should any of the information change during the contract period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY THAT:

1. The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized to enter into a 2-year contract with NearMap US, Inc. for seamless high-resolution aerial photography at a cost not to exceed \$520,000. One hundred percent of the contract will be funded by the RTA.
2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as the Executive Director deems necessary or appropriate to implement, administer and enforce this ordinance and said contract.