

ORDINANCE NO. 99-104

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC  
BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND  
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A  
CONTRACT TO DR. TIMOTHY BATES

WHEREAS, The Authority's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program is governed by regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT); and

WHEREAS, Revised regulations have been issued by DOT which require that the Authority's DBE program be revised and submitted to the Federal Transportation Administration by September 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Bates ("Bates") has knowledge of the required work and experience obtained from performing similar contract studies for the City of Chicago;

WHEREAS, Timothy Bates has extensive experience in the area of small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Bates earned a Ph.D. in economics; and

WHEREAS, Bates has authored books on black economic development, minority businesses, and the potential of emerging firms for revitalizing urban economics; and

WHEREAS, Bates has researched and authored numerous articles in academic journals concerning such topics as whether small businesses benefit from state/local government economic assistance, the financial capital needs of black-owned businesses, self-employment entry across industries, Asian-American success in self employment, utilization of minority employees in small businesses, an analysis of small business size and rate of discontinuance, a new nationwide data base for minority businesses, and the impact of preferential procurement policies on minority-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, Bates was a research fellow for the U.S. Bureau of the Census which has given him a unique, in depth understanding of census data; and

WHEREAS, Bates has a high level of security clearance with the U.S. Census Bureau, which is critical in obtaining data needed for the completion of the DBE study.

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WHEREAS, The use of Dr. Bates' expertise will result in both cost and time savings to the Authority, and enable the DBE Department to submit a revised DBE Program by the September 1, 1999 deadline; and

WHEREAS, Section 54.3-5 of the Regulations Governing Purchase and Sales Transactions provides for the award of contracts in those situations where the Transit Board determines that competitive public bidding would be disadvantageous; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Chicago Transit Board hereby determines that competitive public bidding for this service is disadvantageous.

SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Board, or her designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with Timothy Bates to assist the Authority in updating its DBE program, in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) under Requisition No. C99FT7597.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

  
Chairman

July 21, 1999

PASSED:

  
Assistant Secretary

July 21, 1999