ORDINANCE NO. 012-174

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE INTERNET ACCESS ON A DEDICATED SERVER FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO THIRTY-SIX MONTHS

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("CTA") is connected to the Internet by a fiber optic cable link to Sidera Networks, LLC (Sidera); and

WHEREAS, All Internet traffic to and from CTA travels over this link; and

WHEREAS, Sidera Internet computer servers are located on the sixth floor of 350 N. Orleans, the building that also houses the CTA computer center; and

WHEREAS, The close proximity of CTA's internet routers and Sidera's Internet computer servers has made it possible for Sidera to quickly resolve any Internet connection problems experienced by CTA.

WHEREAS, It would be advantageous to CTA to continue to utilize Sidera as its Internet service provider given the close logistical location of the respective computer systems; and

WHEREAS, It would be detrimental for the CTA to change Internet service providers at this time due to the associated down time and the costs to CTA associated with the establishment of a fiber optic link to a new service provider; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.4 of the Procurement Policies and Procedures provides for the award of contracts of this type and amount for contracts when the Chicago Transit Board "determines that competitive bidding is 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 award of a contract for this service is disadvantageous.

SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Board, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Sidera Networks, LLC for a period of up to 36 months in the not-to-exceed amount of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars ($162,000.00), under Requisition No. B13OP01125.

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

APPROVED:

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Chairman

December 18, 2012

PASSED:

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Assistant Secretary

December 18, 2012