ORDINANCE NO. 019-84

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH ASKREPLY, INC. D/B/A B2GNOW FOR MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT AND LABOR COMPLIANCE SOFTWARE SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") uses the B2Gnow web-based diversity management software system provided by AskReply, Inc. d/b/a B2Gnow ("B2Gnow") to track disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) certification applications and for DBE compliance, vendor management, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, The Authority uses LCPtracker, Inc.'s LCPtracker labor compliance software, provided to the Authority through the Authority's contract with B2Gnow, to collect certified payroll information and to confirm that prevailing wages were paid for applicable work by DBEs on Authority construction projects; and

WHEREAS, The B2Gnow software system also interfaces with the Authority's ERP system to update vendor information; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago ("City") and other sister agencies use the B2Gnow and LCPtracker software, which allows the Authority to exchange DBE information with the City and other agencies and benefits the DBE community as DBEs only have to learn one system, which is provided to them at no cost; and

WHEREAS, The Authority requires maintenance and support for the B2Gnow and LCPtracker systems, including system enhancements as they become available; and

WHEREAS, B2Gnow and LCPtracker, Inc. are the developers and proprietors of the software applications and are the only vendors that are able to provide the required maintenance and support, so advertising for bids would serve no useful purpose and would not be in the best interests of the Authority or the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.4A of the Authority's Procurement Policy and Procedures provides for the award of contracts without competitive bidding "where the goods or services to be procured are procurable from only one source"; and

WHEREAS, This procurement was reviewed and approved by the Authority's Sole Source/Disadvantageous Review Committee following no other vendor responses to its advertisement on the Authority's website for a period of three weeks; and

WHEREAS, B2Gnow has certified that the prices quoted are equal to or not greater than prices quoted to its most-favored customers; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends award of a sole source contract under Requisition No. B19RT04137 to AskReply, Inc. d/b/a B2Gnow for maintenance and support, including potential system enhancements, for the B2Gnow and LCPtracker software systems for a term of thirty-six (36) months with two (2) funded one-year options in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($650,000.00); now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. Based on the statements set forth in the recitals of this ordinance, the Chicago Transit Board hereby determines that the goods and services being procured are procurable from only one source.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Board, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract with AskReply, Inc. d/b/a B2Gnow for maintenance and support, including potential system enhancements, for the B2Gnow and LCPtracker software systems for a term of thirty-six (36) months with two (2) funded one-year options in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($650,000.00).

SECTION 3. The Chairman, or his designee, is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

Chairman

September 11, 2019

PASSED:

Assistant Secretary

September 11, 2019