ORDINANCE NO. 022-19

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ZANN & ASSOCIATES, INC. (DBE) TO DEVELOP A FINANCIAL CAPACITY BUILDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority’s (“Authority”) Diversity Programs Department, through the Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase I project, created a financial capacity building program, Building Small Businesses (BSB); and

WHEREAS, The Authority seeks to expand the BSB program to include all of the Authority’s contracting opportunities and all industries included in those opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Understanding the barriers small businesses face in accessing and securing capital, the Authority seeks to provide a robust technical assistance support program to address and remove barriers to increase the participation of small and diverse businesses on Authority contracting opportunities by equipping them to successfully prepare bids and proposals for and perform on contracts; and

WHEREAS, The Authority requires a firm to develop a financial capacity building technical assistance program to help participating firms, including DBE-certified, potential DBE firms, and other small businesses, compete for prime and subcontracting opportunities with the Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Authority issued a Request for Proposals under Requisition No. B21OP04724 for qualified firms to provide the required services, and ZANN & Associates, Inc.’s (DBE) proposal was determined to be most advantageous to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends award of a contract to ZANN & Associates, Inc. (DBE) to develop a financial capacity building technical assistance program for three years with two unfunded one-year options for the amount of $1,700,000.00; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, the President of the Authority, and the Vice President of Purchasing and Supply Chain, or their designees, are hereby authorized to execute a contract with ZANN & Associates, Inc. (DBE) to develop a financial capacity building technical assistance program for three (3) years with
two (2) unfunded one-year options for a not-to-exceed amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,700,000.00).

SECTION 2. The Chairman, President, and Vice President of Purchasing and Supply Chain, or their designees, are further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

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

APPROVED:                    PASSED:

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Chairman      Assistant Secretary

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