

ORDINANCE NO. 022-113

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS
RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC. FOR
LICENSING, MAINTENANCE,
SUPPORT, AND CONSULTING
SERVICES FOR A GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority (“Authority”) requires a robust and high-functioning Geographic Information System (GIS), including licensing, maintenance, support, and consulting services, as well as new licenses; and

WHEREAS, GIS mapping technology is critical to core Authority applications and functions including Automatic Voice Annunciation System (AVAS), General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS), Ridership, Real Estate, Business Development, and Engineering, and for conducting spatial analysis for many Authority departments; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (“ESRI”) is the only company that provides a complete GIS platform, and the Authority has used ESRI’S GIS platform for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, The Authority upgraded in 2019 to Enterprise GIS version 10.7.1, ArcGIS Pro 2.4, and ArcGIS Online and Enterprise Portal on the web, which allows more departments to create spatial workflows, data, maps, and online applications, and ESRI is the sole provider of ArcGIS software maintenance to U.S. customers; and

WHEREAS, Planning, Engineering, Facilities Maintenance, and other Authority departments use ESRI software products to collect, manage, analyze, visualize, utilize, and share location-based data to the entire organization, and the ESRI software products integrate with other Authority enterprise systems and have been installed on over forty desktop computers; and

WHEREAS, ESRI’s ArcGIS platform is used by most transit and public agencies across the country, including local agencies like Metra, Pace, the City of Chicago, Cook County, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), among others; and

WHEREAS, Staff proposes that the Authority enter into a new contract with ESRI for use of its GIS platform; and

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WHEREAS, This procurement was reviewed and approved by the Authority's Sole Source/Disadvantageous Review Committee (SDRC) following no other vendor responses to its advertisement on the Authority's website for a period of three weeks; 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, Staff recommends award of a contract to ESRI under Requisition No. B21OP03232 for licensing, maintenance, support, and consulting services, as well as new licenses, for its Geographic Information System (GIS) platform for three years with four funded one-year options for the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,000,000.00; 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, the President of the Authority, and the Vice President of Purchasing and Supply Chain, or their designees, are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for licensing, maintenance, support, and consulting services, as well as new licenses, for ESRI's Geographic Information System (GIS) platform for three (3) years with four (4) funded one-year options for the not-to-exceed amount of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00).

SECTION 3. 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 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

September 14, 2022

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