

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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MINUTE ORDER

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The Professional Services Procurement Act, Government Code, Chapter 2254, Subchapter B, authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purpose of retaining a private consultant to study and advise the department.

On February 18, 2009, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) received a letter from the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security requesting that the department initiate a procurement to secure the services of an outside consulting firm of the highest caliber to conduct a top-down organizational/operational audit of the department. The scope of work should include recommendations regarding personnel levels, structure, and any organizational changes necessary to increase productivity and provide cost savings.

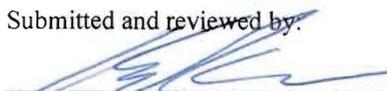
On March 26, 2009, by Minute Order 111739, the commission authorized and directed the department to issue an RFP for the specified services and to enter into negotiations with selected firms to secure a contract that would provide the best value to the department.

On April 10, 2009, the department issued an RFP seeking to contract with a firm to conduct a review of the department's management and organizational structure, its staffing levels and its business processes. Eleven firms submitted responses to the RFP. Oral presentations and preliminary negotiations took place in June 2009 and based on these efforts, the department's staff recommends the selection of Grant Thornton, LLP as the private consultant for these services.

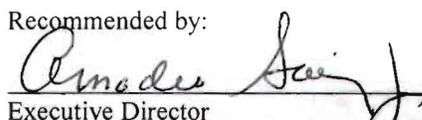
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the determination that the proposal submitted by Grant Thornton, LLP provides the best value to the department is approved, and the department is authorized and directed to complete negotiations with Grant Thornton, LLP necessary to finalize the contract.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the contract is awarded to Grant Thornton, LLP subject to, and effective upon the occurrence of, the following: (1) the successful conclusion of negotiations; and (2) final execution of the contract.

Submitted and reviewed by:


Assistant Executive Director for
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Recommended by:


Executive Director

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