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RESOLUTION NO. 25-041

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC.
FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE
ZERO-EMISSION RESILIENT FLEET PROJECT**

Introduced by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner
Walton.

WHEREAS, the RTA was awarded a \$71.4 million FY23 Lo/No Vehicle Emission grant by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to implement a significant step in the transition to a zero-emission, resilient fleet with 20 Battery Electric Buses (BEBs), a 20MW solar power based microgrid for grid independent power generation, charging infrastructure, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, as part of this grant program the FTA authorized agencies to name 3rd-party partners in their grant applications to support implementation of the project and that said partnerships would satisfy the requirement for a competitive selection process if the project was selected by the FTA for award; and

WHEREAS, RTA named Jacobs Engineering, Inc. ("Jacobs") as a partner in its FY23 Lo/No grant application to provide architectural and engineering services for the design and implementation of bus charging, microgrid, and related battery electric bus infrastructure based on Jacobs' extensive experience providing similar services for other transit agencies adopting battery electric bus technology; and



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WHEREAS, Jacobs' scope of services will deliver a full suite of design, permitting, and construction administration services as well as coordination with a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) to price and construct the battery electric bus infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Jacobs' design work will build upon a planning study for BEB infrastructure that was recently completed by MSMM Engineering, LLC with Jacobs as subconsultant and that was authorized by the RTA Board of Commissioners in August, 2024 via Resolution No. 24-043; and

WHEREAS, services will be funded by FTA FY23 Lo/No Emission Vehicles Grant in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,590,000 and a 10% local match of RTA funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$510,000 from the FY2025-29 capital budget, budget code 01-0000-00-1501-000-00-00000-000000-00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) that the Chairman of the Board, or his designee, is authorized to award a contract for architectural and engineering services for the implementation of RTA's Zero-Emission Resilient Fleet project in an amount not-to-exceed \$5.1 million.



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THE FOREGOING WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE
ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:	<u>6</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 29th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred A. Neal, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

FRED A. NEAL, JR.
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS