

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

October 25, 1988

Committee members present: Councilors Jim Gardner (Chair),  
Tanya Collier (V. Chair), Tom  
DeJardin and Richard Waker

Committee members absent: Councilor David Knowles

Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 88-991, for the Purpose of  
Approving a Contract with ESRI, Inc., for a Turnkey  
Geographic Information System (GIS)

The staff report for the resolution presented by Transportation  
staff Andy Cotugno, Keith Lawton and Dick Bolen is summarized  
below.

Action requested: approval of a contract with Environmental  
Systems Research Institute (ESRI) to acquire principal software  
and hardware necessary for development of the Regional Land  
Information System at Metro (RLIS).

Amendment requested: approval of amendment to resolution to  
authorize an additional \$5,000, raising contract amount from  
\$130,628 to \$135,628

Staff explained total RLIS hardware and software costs were  
estimated to be \$144,728. The contract with ESRI would purchase  
principal components; other components would be purchased  
separately. The \$5,000 amendment suggested by staff would allow  
flexibility in negotiating the specifics of the contract and the  
capability to purchase components within the ESRI contract which  
were previously proposed to be purchased outside the principal  
contract. The amendment would not change the RLIS total price.

Selection process: A Request for Proposals for a turnkey  
hardware/software package was developed reflective of both Metro  
needs and applications which either were desired or identified as  
may be desired in the future by jurisdictions. Two vendors  
responded to the RFP: ESRI and Deltasystems. The RLIS Steering  
Committee, made up of potential users from governments and  
business, evaluated the proposals in two steps--software which  
most nearly met RFP specifications and hardware price and  
performance. The Committee unanimously recommended the ESRI  
proposal based on the superiority of the software proposed.  
Staff also noted ESRI's proposal offered discounts to RLIS users  
ranging from 15 to 60 percent. Subsequent negotiations with ESRI  
resulted in their submission of the lowest price quote for  
hardware.

Staff reported Deltasystems had notified Metro they may aggrieve the Committee's decision. Staff had discussed the issue with Metro General Counsel Dan Cooper, who concluded there were no grounds for protest, and no violation of Metro Code or contract law existed in the process.

Staff concluded their report and responded to questions from the Committee members. As a result of issues raised in the discussion, Transportation staff will assure the purchase contract includes periodic upgrades at no additional charge to purchasers, develop a method of reporting prior use of vacant industrial land and identifying potentially environmentally-sensitive areas and include that information in the system's data layers.

Motion to Amend: Councilor DeJardin moved to amend Resolution No. 88-991 to indicate the contract amount authorized was up to \$135,628.

Vote: All committee members present voted aye; Councilor Knowles was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Main Motion: Councilor DeJardin moved to recommend the Council adopt Resolution No. 88-991 as amended.

Vote: The four committee members present voted aye. Councilor Knowles was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of the Legislative Committee Structure and Process

Council Analyst Jessica Marlitt distributed an information packet to the Committee containing an explanation of the bill-tracking process used by Metro during the 1987 Legislative session and copies of the documents and reports generated. She said the packet had been prepared by Greg McMurdo, Government Relations Manager, and she had discussed the process with councilors, staff and others whose comments had been favorable and indicative that the system had worked efficiently and smoothly. Therefore, Ms. Marlitt said, Council staff was not recommending any alterations to the process.

Greg McMurdo said the bill-tracking system had been developed by the private sector and used successfully by both the public and private sector; and he, too, was not recommending changes. Mr. McMurdo said if computers were available, he would use a database system for some of the reports previously produced manually. He also said he was in the process of securing office space in Salem for the upcoming legislative session and would be coming before the Council with a budget amendment to fund that office. He noted in reference to departmental prioritizing of bills, that the League of Oregon Cities and the Association of Oregon Counties may ask Metro to become more involved in a teamwork approach to lobbying on government issues, and if the Council and executive approve, some areas which may be identified as low-priorities, or "monitor only" could be elevated to a higher tracking status.

The committee discussed the structure and appointment of a Legislative Committee which would meet on an "as needed basis" during the session. Councilor Gardner said he and the Presiding Officer had discussed the membership of the Legislative Committee and had agreed the Committee's membership should include the executive officer or her designee.

Motion: Councilor Waker moved to recommend the Presiding Officer designate the Legislative Committee as a subcommittee of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and that the members be appointed by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and include the executive officer or her designee.

Vote: A vote on the motion resulted in the four committee members present voting aye. Councilor Knowles was absent.

The motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gwen Ware-Barrett  
Council Committee Clerk