



**ITEM ID:** 2026-216-0

**TRANSMITTAL DATE:** May 15, 2026

**MEETING DATE:** May 22, 2026

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Tom Schamber, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:** Contract No. PO1046-26 - Railroad Track Materials - Recommendation to Award - Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak LLC

**Issue**

The Authority requires track materials such as frogs, transition rail, and samson stock rail to support the continued maintenance and rehabilitation of its right-of-way system.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award Contract No. PO1046-26 for the provision of Railroad Track Materials to Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak LLC in a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,050,071 (including \$351,232.58 to cover sales taxes) for a base term of two years, with a single one-year renewal option. The option may be exercised at the discretion of the CEO. This award is subject to the resolution of any timely submitted protest.

**Strategic Commitment**

The report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **Safety is Foundational:** We will stay on the leading edge by deploying new technologies and processes to enhance the safety and security of our riders, employees and the communities we serve.

## **Background**

Railroad Frogs, Transition Rails, and Samson Stock Rail are critical components which allow trains to transition safely between tracks. In order to prevent dangerous and noisy transitions for trains, worn components must be replaced as soon as defects are detected. Contract No. PO1046-26 allows the Authority to procure these important track materials in a timely manner to ensure enough inventory is available to maintain the Authority's right of way rail transitions in a state of good repair.

## **Discussion**

On February 27, 2026 staff issued Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. PO1046-26 for Railroad Track Materials for a contract term of two years, with a single one-year renewal option. The IFB was posted on the Authority's solicitation portal and advertised in publications in the five-member counties. Notices were sent to 1,231 firms registered in the Authority's online vendor database. Thirty-seven prospective firms downloaded the solicitation. One firm attended the pre-bid conference. Voestalpine Nortrak, Inc. was the only bid received on the closing date of April 3, 2026, in the amount of \$4,698,838.42 and was found to be the responsive and responsible. After the price analysis was completed by both the Contract Administrator and Project Manager, the firm's bid amount was 16.41% over the Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) value of \$3,986,043 and deemed acceptable given the current market climate.

## **Budget Impact**

The amount for which contract authority is requested is included in the proposed operating budget for FY27. Any use of these funds will be contingent upon the adoption of that budget. Funding for subsequent fiscal years will be requested through the annual budget process.

## **Next Steps**

Upon award by the Board, staff will execute Contract No. PO1046-26 with Voestalpine Rail Systems Nortrak LLC. Purchase Orders will be issued on an as-needed basis.

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## **Attachment(s)**

[Presentation - PO1046-26 Railroad Track Materials](#)