

OCTOBER 2024

LIST OF COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Procurements Requiring Majority Vote:

H. Modifications to Personal Service & Miscellaneous Service Contracts Awarded as Contracts for Services

(Staff Summaries required for items estimated to be greater than \$1,000,000.)

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| 1. SSDC Services Corporation | \$504,000 | <i>Staff Summary Attached</i> |
| Four Years, Option Included | | |
| Contract # 15432 | | |

Modification to the contract for Disability and Medicare Coordination Services in order to fund the contract for the remainder of 2024, and exercise Option 2 to cover these services through the end of 2025.

Item Number: 1

Vendor Name (Location) SSDC Services Corporation
Description: Disability and Medicare Coordination Services
Contract Term (including Options, if any) January 1, 2021–December 31, 2025
Option(s) included in Total Amount? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Procurement Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Noncompetitive
Solicitation Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RFP <input type="checkbox"/> Bid <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Modification
Funding Source <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Requesting Department: Office of Benefits & Compensation

Contract Number 15432	AWO/Mod. # 2
Original Amount:	\$ 874,700
Prior Modifications:	\$ 125,000
Current Amount:	\$ 999,700
This Request:	\$504,000
% of This Request to Current Amount:	50%
% of Modifications (including This Request) to Original Amount:	72%

Discussion:

MTA Headquarters is seeking Board approval to exercise Option 2 of the Disability and Medicare Coordination Services contract awarded to SSDC Services Corporation (“SSDC”) to continue providing services to facilitate the enrollment of eligible disabled retirees under the age of 65 into Medicare Parts A and B for an additional year (January 1, 2025–December 31, 2025), making Medicare the retiree’s primary coverage, thereby reducing NYC Transit’s medical costs. Of the \$504,000 requested for this modification, \$168,000 is to fund the Medicare coordination services necessary for the remainder of year 2024, and \$336,000 will fund the Option.

SSDC assists in the determination of the disability status of NYC Transit’s pre-Medicare eligible retirees and their dependents who are under age 65 and coordinates early enrollment of disabled retirees and/or their dependents into Medicare as the primary payer of health benefits. This is achieved through facilitation of Social Security Disability Income (“SSDI”) awards to eligible disabled members, aiding with the application process and providing representation services as required to eligible members. SSDI awardees are then automatically enrolled into Medicare as primary payer (two years after their SSDI award), thus allowing for earlier removal from NYC Transit’s health benefit plans, resulting in substantial savings to NYC Transit over the duration of the contract.

Based on data for the services performed under the current contract, NYC Transit has realized approximately \$4.1 million in savings to date and has found the services provided by SSDC to be satisfactory.

The Request for Proposals (“RFP”) issued for the initial award to SSDC was publicly advertised.

The base contract covers the provision of a pre-Medicare enrollment program and has a term of three years with two, 1-year options (January 1, 2021–December 31, 2025) in an amount not-to-exceed \$874,700. There has been one prior modification to this contract: the exercise of the first one-year option and adding \$125,000 to the contract due to increased utilization of these services, for a total of \$999,700. The addition of the requested sum of \$504,000 will put the total contract over \$1 million, thus requiring Board approval.

The additional funds requested for year 2024 are necessary due to the increase in participation in enrollments not anticipated that is also contributing to increased savings in connection with this service. The competitively negotiated pricing from the original award does not change over the term of the contract and is therefore considered fair and reasonable.

SSDC has certified that pursuant to EO 16, it is not doing business in Russia.

This contract has been evaluated to determine the necessity and appropriate scope, if any, of cybersecurity requirements, including any requirements under federal, state, and local law and regulations. Any applicable cybersecurity requirements, to the extent required, have been included.