



Report to the Business Administration Committee

Recommendation to Purchase Airport Shuttle Buses

For

**Washington Dulles International and
Ronald Reagan National Airport**

May 2013

PURPOSE

Staff requests that the Business Administration Committee approve and recommend that the Board of Directors approve the purchase of 11 clean diesel buses from New Flyer of America at a total cost of \$4.81 million for use at Dulles International and Reagan National.

BACKGROUND

- The Airports Authority is implementing a multi-year program to replace the aging shuttle bus fleet supporting the public and employee parking operations at both Airports.
- Dulles International currently has a fleet of 42 diesel buses with an average age of 8 years. The oldest buses are 14 years in age.
- Reagan National has a fleet of 20 diesel buses and 6 Compressed Natural Gas buses with an average age of 8 years. The oldest buses are 14 years in age.
- Staff considered various alternative fuel technologies and has determined clean diesel is the best option at this time due to significant infrastructure improvements required at both Airports to accommodate other types of equipment.

- In 2012, 19 new buses were authorized to be purchased utilizing an existing Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) purchasing agreement awarded competitively to New Flyer of America Inc., by the County of Fairfax, Virginia.
- In accordance with Section 1.3.1 of the Airports Authority's Contracting Manual, staff has evaluated various options and determined that utilizing this purchasing agreement again in 2013 is in the best interest of the Airports Authority.
- In 2013, 7 buses will be purchased for Dulles International and 4 for Reagan National. The combined initial purchase for both airports is estimated at \$4.81 million with an anticipated delivery in Fall 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

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