



# **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority**

## **Independent Third-Party Safety Plan Auditor**

Board Meeting August 24, 2023

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# Independent Third-Party Safety Plan Auditor

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- Overview:
  - Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022 requires the MBTA board of directors to hire an independent third-party entity with experience and expertise in the operations of and safety requirements for mass transit systems to:
    - Conduct an annual independent safety audit of the operations of the Authority including but not limited to issues affecting employees, passengers, and equipment.
- This must be done annually for three (3) years with the first report due March 1, 2024.



# RFP: Independent Third-Party Safety Plan Auditor

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- SCOPE OF WORK:
  - An assessment of the progress of the (3) three-year safety improvement plan;
  - An analysis of any reported safety incidents, conditions, or concerns of which the Authority is aware, including any such information obtained by the independent auditor through research, investigation, public input or information available as a result of federal oversight and regulation; and
  - Information on the financial and human resources needed to execute the plan and information on the Authority's plan to secure these resources via the annual budgeting process and shall present the data in a consistent manner to allow for annual comparisons.
  - The Authority shall not alter the format of the data unless at the express request of the joint committee on transportation
- MBTA Chief Procurement Officer will facilitate over issuing an RFP on behalf of the MBTA board of directors
  - RFP will be conducted on best value basis considering technical and pricing requirements
  - RFP will include 25% of the evaluation criteria focused on respondents; company diversity program, and partnerships and financial commitments that can be made for this project
  - RFP responses shall be gathered and presented to the board for review and selection



# Next Steps: Independent Third-Party Safety Plan Auditor

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- Seeks Board authorization for issuing an RFP as described for Independent Third-Party Safety Plan Auditor
- Recommend Board delegate the Independent Third-Party Safety Plan Auditor RFP review and selection process to Safety Sub Committee.

Proposed Board Approve:

That the MBTA Board of Directors hereby authorizes the MBTA Chief Procurement Officer to issue an RFP for an Independent Third-Party Safety Plan Auditor on the behalf of the Board.

