



Pittsburgh Regional Transit

TO: Performance Oversight Committee
Tom Burgunder
Laura Sohinki
Senator Lindsey Williams

FROM: Tia McClenney, Committee Chair

DATE: July 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Performance Oversight Committee – July 16, 2026

The next meeting of the Performance Oversight Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026, in the fifth-floor boardroom, and via Microsoft Teams, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Finance Committee meeting. The agenda is as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of the June 18, 2026 Performance Oversight Committee Meeting
3. Proposed Resolutions:
 - a) Awarding of Bids (Justin Cava)
4. Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Solicitations Quarterly Update (Justin Cava)
5. Proposed Resolutions (Continued):
 - b) Authorization to Enter into Agreements to Provide State Legislative Strategy and Advocacy Services (Jim Ritchie)
6. Adjourn

cc: Other PRT Board Members

PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
June 18, 2026

Board Committee Members

Laura Sohinki
Senator Lindsey Williams
Tom Burgunder (in-person)
Jen Liptak

Other Board Member

Dr. Chris Brussalis (in-person)
Stephanie Turman (in-person)
Emma Shoucair
Bobbie Fan
Joe Totten

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 21, 2026 Performance Oversight Committee meeting were approved.

Proposed Resolutions:

The Committee first reviewed six procurement items and determined the bids to be in accordance with PRT's procurement policies and procedures and the prices to be fair and reasonable.

The Performance Oversight Committee agreed to recommend authorizing the award of the bids listed in the resolution for the total amount of \$1,556,009.00.

The next resolution discussed would authorize PRT to award a construction contract for the Centre Avenue Bridge Restoration Project.

It was reported that the work includes all labor, materials, and equipment required to restore the Centre Avenue Bridge, including concrete repairs, replacement and resetting of bridge bearings, installation of new supports, bridge painting, and traffic control during construction.

The contract was publicly advertised and competitively bid. Three bids were received and opened on April 7, 2026.

Following evaluation, Mosites Construction Company was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. So therefore, the Performance Oversight Committee agreed that the contract be recommended for award in the amount of \$1,777,777.00, subject to completion of pre-award requirements.

It was also noted at the meeting that this agreement would also authorize PRT to execute any additional necessary agreements, including with Norfolk Southern and other entities related to this project.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

AWARDING OF BIDS

1. Oil, Fuel and Antifreeze Analysis Service

Solicitation B26-06-29 was publicly advertised and ebusiness documents were distributed. A total of 450 suppliers were notified of the bid opportunity, one supplier accepted the invitation, and one bid was received to provide laboratory testing and reporting services covering oil, fuel and antifreeze samples taken from various PRT bus and rail vehicles and used in the maintenance diagnosis and repair of these vehicles over a three-year period, with no renewal options available.

In accordance with Procurement policies and procedures, a single bid survey was conducted, and seven firms stated that they were unable to bid competitively, another firm was interested, but they were not prepared to commit at this time due to re-evaluating their service areas and agreements with their vendors. Another potential bidder conveyed that they would bid this solicitation in the future.

RECOMMENDATION: That a contract be awarded to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Tribologik Corporation, in the estimated amount of \$155,410.14.

This pricing represents a two percent increase over the previous contract prices for these products three years ago. Staff has determined the pricing to be fair and reasonable and consistent with the funds budgeted.

2. Cleaning Solvent Service

Solicitation B26-02-04R was publicly advertised and ebusiness documents were distributed. A total of 414 suppliers were notified of the bid opportunity, two suppliers accepted the invitation, and one bid was received to provide cleaning solvent services used at various PRT locations for the removal of dirt, grease and oils from engine parts and components over a one-year period, with no renewal options available.

In accordance with Procurement policies and procedures, a single bid survey was conducted, and three firms stated that they were unable to bid competitively.

RECOMMENDATION: That a contract be awarded to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Safety-Kleen Systems Inc., in the estimated amount of \$245,517.70.

A comparison to the previous contract could not be made as the previous contract was for a three-year term and current solicitation is for a one-year term. It should be noted that the End User Group requested a one-year term for this solicitation in order to allow time to research the option of purchasing parts washers and soliciting the next contract

for cleaning solvent delivery & removal services only. This endeavor would increase competition for cleaning solvent delivery & removal services only, as other potential bidders would not have the bidding obstacle of passing along rental equipment changeover fees, as well as trying to designate and install parts washer rentals in the small window of time that can be allotted by this agency during the contract renewal period. Staff has determined the pricing to be fair and reasonable, favorable to the Independent Cost Estimate and consistent with the funds budgeted.

3. Wiper Arm Assemblies

Solicitation B26-05-27 was publicly advertised and ebusiness documents were distributed. A total of 228 suppliers were notified of the bid opportunity, three suppliers accepted the invitation, and three bids were received to furnish and deliver front windshield wiper arm assemblies used in the maintenance of PRT's bus fleet over a two-year period, with no renewal options available.

RECOMMENDATION: That a contract be awarded to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Mohawk Manufacturing & Supply Company, in the estimated amount of \$155,400.00.

A comparison to the previous contract could not be made as the previous contract was for a combined estimated quantity of wiper arm assemblies over a two-year contract period and the current solicitation allows for an economic price adjustment from year one to year two. Staff has determined the pricing to be fair and reasonable, favorable to the Independent Cost Estimate and consistent with the funds budgeted.

4. Bagged Rock Salt

Solicitation B26-05-33 was publicly advertised and ebusiness documents were distributed. A total of 875 suppliers were notified of the bid opportunity, five suppliers accepted the invitation, and five bids were received to furnish and deliver bagged rock salt used during adverse weather events to maintain safe conditions on stairs and walkways at various PRT properties over a three-year period, with no renewal options available.

RECOMMENDATION: That a contract be awarded to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, American Rock Salt Company LLC, in the estimated amount of \$782,100.00.

This pricing represents a 30 percent increase over the previous contract prices for these products three years ago. Staff has determined the pricing to be fair and reasonable and consistent with the funds budgeted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that recommendations as set forth in the report are accepted and that the chief executive officer, chief legal officer, chief innovation officer, chief financial officer and/or controller be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to execute such documents on behalf of Port Authority of Allegheny County d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional Transit as shall be required for the entry of proper contracts covering those items recommended for acceptance.

**Pittsburgh Regional Transit
Procurement Summary**

July 24, 2026

Item	Description	Number Of Bids	Lowest Responsive Bidder	Award Amount	2nd Bidder Amount	Annual Percentage Change to Previous Purchase
1	Oil, Fuel and Antifreeze Analysis Service	1	Tribologik Corporation	\$155,410.14	N/A	2%
2	Cleaning Solvent Service	1	Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	\$254,517.70	N/A	A comparison could not be made
3	Wiper Arm Assemblies	3	Mohawk Manufacturing & Supply Company	\$155,400.00	\$186,320.00	A comparison could not be made
4	Bagged Rock Salt	5	American Rock Salt Company LLC	\$782,100.00	\$877,290.00	30%
Total Purchases				\$1,347,427.84		

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION

Authorization to Enter into Agreements to Provide State Legislative Strategy and Advocacy Services

Description

Port Authority of Allegheny County d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) requires contractors to provide State Legislative Strategy and Advocacy Services (Services). Services under the proposed agreements (Agreements) consist of, but not limited to, providing an array of government and legislative affairs services to benefit PRT regarding state funding, policy, legislative and regulatory matters before the executive and legislative branches of the state and local governments. Agreements would each be for a two-year period with the option of extending the term of the agreements up to two additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of PRT.

Evaluation Committee

Consistent with PRT's Board-adopted Procurement Policy and Procedures for Competitive Negotiations for Professional and Technical Services, an Evaluation Committee was convened to evaluate proposals and recommend the top-rated proposers to perform Services. The Evaluation Committee (Committee) was comprised of eight members and represented Communications, Finance, and Human Resources Divisions and Legal & Consulting and Strategy Departments.

Schedule

Request for Proposal No. 26-26 for Services was publicly advertised and an informational meeting was held on April 14, 2026. Seven proposals were received by the designated time for submission of proposals (May 1, 2026) and were distributed to Committee.

Evaluation Process

Committee met to discuss and evaluate the proposals utilizing the rating criteria set forth in the RFP and determined which proposals were in the competitive range that could potentially be able to achieve top ranked status. Subsequently, Committee performed interviews of five potential top ranked proposers. As a result of the review and evaluation of the proposals, and the completion of the interviews, Committee identified Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC and Allegheny Strategy Partners as the two proposers with the highest rated proposals to perform Services.

Summations of the Committee for each of the potential top-ranked proposers as set forth below.

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC (Buchanan)

Buchanan is a Pittsburgh-based full-service law firm with significant legislative experience in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including substantial prior work with PRT. The proposed Project Work Plan demonstrates an in-depth and detailed understanding of PRT's needs, as listed in the proposal's Scope of Services, as well as an understanding of the current atmosphere in Harrisburg. The Project Organization and Management Plan further demonstrate a clear understanding of PRT's evolving needs and identifies a team that has been strategically tailored

to address PRT's current positioning in the political arena. Buchanan's proposed project manager is well qualified with 26 years of relevant experience and provides significant relationships with both Republican and Democratic Legislators in Harrisburg. Proposed Key Personnel identified in the proposal all have over 20 years of experience with each presenting meaningful connection that can benefit PRT's legislative and strategic needs. Buchanan acknowledged it was a prior contractor to PRT in a frank and direct manner and in its proposal, compiled a new team and presented an updated approach that clearly recognized PRT is seeking a more robust and strategic approach to legislative advocacy via RFP No. 26-26. Buchanan's proposed costs were the lowest proposed and were determined to be fair and reasonable and in line with the other Proposers. Buchanan has proposed the use of Diverse Business ("DB") firm Aspire for providing approximately five (5) percent of the Services in meaningful areas.

Allegheny Strategy Partners (ASP)

ASP is a Pennsylvania-based government relations and strategic advisory firm with a suitable amount of experience within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The proposed Project Work Plan showed an understanding of PRT's needs, which was further demonstrated and expanded upon during the ASP interview. ASP's Project Organization and Management Plan presented a well-thought-out team and effectively showed the resources available to PRT. The proposed Project Manager has 20 years of relevant experience and has significant relationships with both Republican and Democratic Legislators in Harrisburg. Proposed Key Personnel each have relevant experience and bring strong relationships with Legislators in Harrisburg that can benefit PRT's strategic needs. ASP's proposed costs were the second lowest proposed and determined to be fair and reasonable and in line with the other Proposers. ASP did not propose the use of a DB firm for the performance of any of the Services.

C&G Strategies (C&G)

C&G is a Pittsburgh-based communications and government relations firm with a good amount of experience with public sector firms such as the Allegheny County Airport Authority. The proposed Project Work Plan demonstrated an understanding of PRT's needs but failed to show sufficient knowledge of the current atmosphere in Harrisburg regarding those needs or a detailed strategic approach to meeting PRT's current and evolving legislative needs. C&G's Project Organization and Management Plan presented an appropriate team with a presence in both Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. The proposed Project Manager is qualified with relevant experience, is familiar with the workings of PRT and has strong relationships with Republican Legislators in Harrisburg. Proposed Key Personnel includes a team with strong and varied backgrounds, most with approximately 20 years of relevant experience. C&G's proposed fees were the highest of interviewed proposers but were considered to be fair and reasonable. C&G proposed the use of DB firm Actual Size to perform approximately ten (10) percent of the Services in meaningful areas.

Malady & Wooten (Malady)

Malady is a Harrisburg-based full-service public affairs firm who identified experience representing public transit firms, though none were disclosed in their proposal. The proposed Project Work Plan showed an understanding of PRT's needs but lacked specific details on how Malady intended to assist PRT with those needs. Malady's Project Organization and Management Plan presented a team that has a strong presence in Harrisburg but none in the Pittsburgh area, which led to concerns regarding Malady's ability to create the necessary relationships in the Western PA region to successfully represent PRT. The proposed Project Manager was identified to have

a strong background of representing clients before the state government and maintaining strong relationships with Republican Legislators in Harrisburg. Proposed Key Personnel possess relevant experience representing clients in several areas, to include public transit, and have good relationships with both Republican and Democratic Legislators. Malady's proposed costs were the midpoint of proposed costs and considered to be fair and reasonable. Malady proposed the use of DB firm Maven, Inc. to perform approximately ten (10) percent of the Services in meaningful areas.

One+ Strategies (One+)

One+ is a Pennsylvania-based government affairs, public affairs and strategic communications firm with relevant experience in both state government and public transit. The proposed Project Work Plan was well-thought-out and showed their understanding of PRT's needs and challenges. One+'s Project Organization and Management Plan presented a hybrid team that provides both government affairs and public affairs to best assist PRT. The Proposed Project Manager was qualified with 22 years of experience, which included prior work with PRT. Proposed Key Personnel have a great deal of experience representing a range of clients, including Uber and Argo AI. One+ proposed costs which were the second highest of the proposers interviewed but were considered to be fair and reasonable. One+ did not propose the use of a DB firm for any of the Services.

Negotiations

Negotiations with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC and Allegheny Strategy Partners have been initiated and are progressing on proposed Agreements to perform Services. A total not-to-exceed amount for both Agreements in aggregate of up to \$401,000 is recommended for approval. Agreements will each be for an initial two year period with the option to extend the term of each Agreement up to two additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of PRT.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Port Authority of Allegheny County d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) requires the services of a pool of contractors to provide State Legislative Strategy and Advocacy Services (Services); and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain qualified firms to perform Services, a Request for Proposals No. 26-26 detailing the required scope of Services was prepared and publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, seven proposals were received on May 1, 2026, and were reviewed and interviewed by PRT's duly appointed Evaluation Committee; and

WHEREAS, following the completion of the evaluation process, the proposals submitted by Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney, PC and Allegheny Strategy Partners have been determined to be the highest rated proposals for the performance of Services; and

WHEREAS, negotiations with Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney, PC and Allegheny Strategy Partners have been initiated and are progressing on proposed agreements to perform Services (Agreements); and

WHEREAS, a total not-to-exceed amount of up to \$401,000 is recommended for approval for Agreements for Services for an initial two-year period, with the option of extending the term up to two additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of PRT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the chief executive officer and/or chief communications officer be, and hereby are, authorized to enter into Agreements with Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney, PC and Allegheny Strategy Partners, in a form approved by counsel, to provide Services in a total amount not-to-exceed \$401,000 for an initial two-year period with the option to extend the term of each Agreement up to two additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of PRT, and also to take all such other actions necessary and proper to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.