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Media Advisory

WETA BOARD AWARDS \$62 MILLION CONTRACT TO DAKOTA CREEK INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THREE 445-PASSENGER FERRIES

WHO: Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) Board of Directors

WHAT: The WETA Board of Directors approved a contract award to Dakota Creek Industries, Inc. for the construction of three new high-speed, 445-passenger ferries in an amount not to exceed \$62.1 million.

WHEN: The WETA Board of Directors approved the contract award at its board meeting on September 1, 2016.

WHY: The three new 445-passenger, high-speed ferries will address capacity issues and increased ridership on the Vallejo route; increase the fleet to support implementation of new Richmond service; and ensure that adequate spare vessels are available to support uninterrupted operation of these services.

PROCESS: WETA selected Dakota Creek Industries, Inc. after conducting a two-step Request For Proposals (RFP) Process in accordance with the Authority's Administrative Code and Federal Transit Administration procurement requirements.

QUOTE: "Dakota Creek is well-qualified and experienced to complete this work as it has built six ships of similar design that are all in operation in the San Francisco Bay Area today," said Nina Rannells, WETA executive director. "We are excited to take another major step forward in advancing our vision for expanded ferry service."

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