

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2682

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 13, 1985

Application of DSR INTERNATIONAL,)
INC., for Special Authorization)
to Conduct Charter Operations)
Pursuant to Contract with National)
Institutes of Health)

Case No. CP-85-01

By application filed March 8, 1985, DSR International, Inc., ("DSR" or "applicant") seeks authority to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under contract with the National Institutes of Health ("NIH") transporting persons traveling on official government business, over irregular routes, between NIH facilities in Bethesda, Md., on the one hand, and, on the other, points in that part of the Metropolitan District within 36 miles of Bethesda, Md.

The contract term extends from April 1, 1985, through December 31, 1985, with options exercisable by NIH to extend the contract through December 31, 1987. Persons to be transported include patients, outpatients, and their parents or guardians. The services required include transportation on approximately 390 recreational trips in round trip service as needed. One 15-passenger van is required.

Applicant's equipment list includes five 15-passenger vans and three 21-passenger mini-buses. One of the vans will be dedicated to the transportation required under the contract which is the subject of this application. The two mini-buses and three of the vans are used in contract work for which DSR has obtained authority pursuant to Regulation No. 70. The remaining van is used as a back-up vehicle when there is a need to carry additional passengers or in place of a regular vehicle when an emergency arises.

Applicant is experienced in providing passenger shuttle transportation. A current certificate of insurance covering all vehicles is on file with the Commission. With its application, DSR submitted a statement indicating that it is familiar with the Commission's rules and regulations, that applicant has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency, and that it is not under any fitness investigation.

Applicant's balance sheet, dated January 31, 1985, indicates current assets of \$115,047 plus fixed and other assets of \$179,271. Applicant lists current liabilities of \$2,650, equity of \$10,000, and surplus of \$183,667. Applicant projects revenues of \$35,662 from service provided under the NIH contract with operating expenses of \$24,201 for an operating ratio of 68 percent before taxes.

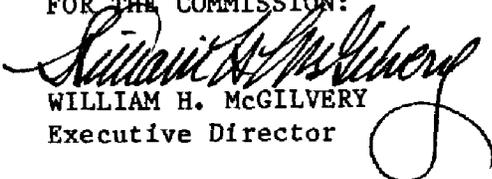
Ann S. Bryant, contracting officer for NIH, submitted an affidavit in support of the application. She states that NIH is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and that the persons to be transported (other than parents or guardians) are participants in ongoing research programs at NIH. The transportation proposed herein has been rendered in the past by government employees. Ms. Bryant estimates that approximately 4,365 people will be transported during the initial contract period. NIH has investigated applicant's qualifications and is satisfied therewith.

Inasmuch as a contract has been executed for the transportation of persons traveling on official government business pursuant to contract with a government agency between points within the Metropolitan District for a period in excess of 181 days, the application appears amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. */ Notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn, and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That DSR International, Inc., publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Thursday, March 14, 1985.
2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Monday, March 25, 1985.
3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Monday, March 25, 1985, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on Daniel Minchew, Vice President, DSR International, Inc., 910 16th Street, N.W., Suite 404, Washington, D.C. 20006.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

* See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.