

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving a Modification under the Master Services Agreement with CenturyLink Communications, LLC dba Lumen Technologies Group to Upgrade the Commission's Internet and Firewall Services in the Aggregate Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$291,212.10

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission ("Commission") entered into a Master Services Agreement ("MSA") with CenturyLink Communications, LLC dba Lumen Technologies Group, through its affiliate, Level 3 Communications, LLC (hereinafter "Lumen"), for internet and firewall services, specifically 100 MB internet services and adaptive network security services for a term of three years which is set to expire later this month; and

WHEREAS, the MSA was approved by the Executive Director pursuant to the authority provided under Article V, Section 1.00 of the Code of Bylaws and to date, the Commission has spent \$59,096.30 on these internet and firewall services; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in the report before the Commission, the Chief Information Officer recommends: (1) that the Commission upgrade the current Lumen internet circuit to a 500MB service with Secure Access Service Edge ("SASE") due to increased internet usage, increased utilization of Virtual Private Network connections associated with remote work, an increase in the volume of online meetings, more business system solutions being cloud hosted instead of on-premise and an increase in the volume of in-lane toll transactions paid by credit card, and (2) add a 500MB circuit with the SASE service at the Commission's secondary data center; and

WHEREAS, Lumen provided quotes for both items for a 60-month term as follows:

- Berea – 500MB Internet with SASE (60 months) @ \$1,778.64 per month = \$106,718.40
- Secondary – 500MB Internet with SASE (60 months) @ \$2,083.29 per month = \$124,997.40
- Non-Recurring SASE Fee (\$200 per site x 2) \$400.00

TOTAL: \$232,115.80; and

WHEREAS, the proposed internet and firewall upgrades in the total amount of \$232,115.80, in addition to the amount of \$59,096.30 spent to date for the existing internet and firewall services, will result in an aggregate not-to-exceed contract amount of \$291,212.10; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the recommendation of the Chief Information Officer and concurs that the Commission should approve the internet and firewall upgrades with Lumen in the amount of \$232,115.80; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission's Code of Bylaws because the required expenditures will exceed the greater of \$150,000.00 or 10% of the original contract amount; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the upgrade of the Commission's internet and firewall services, as described in the recitals, under the existing Master Services Agreement with Lumen, in the amount of \$232,115.80 is approved and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract modification with Lumen for this upgrade in the not-to-exceed contract amount of \$291,212.10.

(Resolution No. 48-2024 adopted March 18, 2024)