

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving the Selection of ms consultants, inc. to Perform Phase I Design Services for Project No. 71-23-09 in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,114,217.00

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2023, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) issued notice of its Request for Letters of Interest (“LOI”) No. 13-2023 seeking letters of interest for design services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-23-09, Deck Replacement of the Ohio Turnpike Mainline Bridge over the Maumee River at Milepost 63.0 in Lucas County, Ohio (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2023, the Commission received five (5) Letters of Interest from firms expressing their readiness to serve as the Commission’s engineering consultant for the Project; and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Team consisting of Engineering staff convened to independently review, evaluate, and score the submissions in accordance with the LOI Evaluation Process and the Commission’s Contracts Policy in order to rank the submissions; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the proposals received, in accordance with the Commission’s Standard Operating Procedure for Professional Design Consultant Selection Process, the LOI Evaluation Team concluded that ms consultants, inc. is the most qualified to perform the necessary services for the Project and conducted a Scope of Services meeting to confirm a mutual understanding of the Phase I services for the project consisting of bridge site inspection, preliminary rehabilitation investigations, preliminary engineering report, field survey, preliminary and final design plans, and assistance during the bidding process, including bid review services (“Phase I Services”); and

WHEREAS, ms consultants, inc. submitted its fee proposal dated December 20, 2023, to perform the Phase I Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,114,217.00 which fee proposal the Chief Engineer deemed reasonable and appropriate, and recommends that the Commission approve the award of the contract to ms consultants, inc. based on its technical proposal and fee proposal for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Director of Contracts Administration has determined that the LOI process and the selection of ms consultants, inc. conform with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.71, that all legal requirements were performed and that the Letters of Interest were solicited based on the same terms and conditions with respect to all respondents and potential respondents; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Equity and Inclusion determined that ms consultants, inc. has made a good faith effort to attain the participation of small or otherwise disadvantaged businesses on the Project and has made a commitment of 27% which exceeds the SBE participation goal of 25% for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the recommendations submitted by the Evaluation Team and Chief Engineer, and concurs that the Commission should approve the selection of ms consultants, inc. to perform the professional engineering services for Project No. 71-23-09; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary to approve the contract in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Bylaws because the amount of ms consultants, inc.’s fee proposal to perform the Phase I Services exceeds \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution seeks authorization of Phase I Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,114,217.00, but the contract includes additional Phase II Services and Commission staff will modify the contract in accordance with the Commission’s contracts policy to include those additional services at the time they are necessary for successful completion of the Project, including presenting a resolution to the Commission if required; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the selection of ms consultants, inc. is approved as the most qualified firm to perform the design services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-23-09 and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with ms consultants, inc. for Phase I Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,114,217.00.

(Resolution No. 5-2024 adopted January 16, 2024)