

## OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

### **Resolution Approving the Selection of Michael Baker International, Inc. to Perform Phase I and Phase II Services for Project No. 71-24-02 in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$1,500,000.00**

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2024, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) published notice of its Request for Letters of Interest (“LOI”) 8-2024 for Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) and Variable Speed Limit (VSL) Signs at Various Locations along the Ohio Turnpike Mainline, designated as Project No. 71-24-02 (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2024, the Commission received three (3) 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 Letters of Interest received, in accordance with the Commission’s Standard Operating Procedure for Professional Design Consultant Selection Process, the Engineering staff concluded that Michael Baker International, Inc., (“Michael Baker”) is most qualified to perform the necessary services for the Project and conducted a Scope of Services meeting to confirm a mutual understanding of the Services for the Project, consisting of as-built plan and reference document review, existing conditions, site investigation, systems engineering analysis, aerial base mapping, environmental and utility assessments, ITS concept plans, ITS Concept Development Report, Stage 2 Plans, and Stage 3 Final Plans/Estimate/Specification and assistance during the bidding process, including bid review services (“Phase I Services”) and engineering support during construction (“Phase II Services”); and

WHEREAS, Michael Baker submitted a revised fee proposal dated July 22, 2024, to perform the Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,421,973.00 and the Phase II Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$78,027.00, for a total amount of \$1,500,000.00 which fee proposal the Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director deemed reasonable and appropriate, and recommends that the Commission approve the award of the contract to Michael Baker 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 Michael Baker conforms with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.71, that all legal requirements were performed and that proposals were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions with respect to all respondents and potential respondents; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Equity and Inclusion determined that Michael Baker has made a good faith effort to attain the participation of small or otherwise disadvantaged businesses on the Project and has made a commitment to meet the SBE participation goal of 25% for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the recommendations of the Evaluation Team and Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director and concurs that the Commission should approve the selection of Michael Baker to perform the required services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary to approve the contract in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Code of Bylaws because the amount estimated to perform the required services exceeds \$150,000.00; 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 Michael Baker International, Inc. is approved as the most qualified firm to perform professional engineering services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-24-02, and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. for the Phase I Services and Phase II Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500,000.00.

**(Resolution No. 88-2024 adopted August 19, 2024)**