

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving the Selection of ms consultants, inc. to Perform Phase I and Phase II Services for Project No. 71-24-16 in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$652,385.00

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2024, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) published notice of its Request for Letters of Interest (“LOI”) 27-2024 for professional engineering services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-24-16, Deck Replacement and Widening of the Ohio Turnpike Mainline Bridges over Evans Lake & Yellow Creek at Milepost 234.4, in Mahoning County, Ohio (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024, Letters of Interest were received from six (6) firms expressing their readiness to serve as the Commission’s engineering consultant for Project No. 71-24-16; 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 ms consultants, inc. (“ms”) 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 Phase I Services for the Project, which include but are not limited to, bridge site inspection, preliminary rehabilitation investigations, preliminary engineering report, preliminary and final design plans, and assistance during the bidding process, including bid review services (“Phase I Services”) and the Phase II Services for the Project consisting of engineering support during construction (“Phase II Services”); and

WHEREAS, ms submitted a fee proposal dated February 24, 2025, to perform the Phase I Services in the lump sum not-to-exceed amount of \$629,713.00 and the Phase II Services in the rate of pay not-to-exceed amount of \$22,672.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$652,385.00 which fee proposal the Design and Planning Engineer deemed reasonable and appropriate, and recommends that the Commission approve the award of the contract to ms 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 conforms with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.71, that all legal requirements were performed and that the 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 ms 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 20% for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Design and Planning Engineer and concurs that the Commission should approve the selection of ms 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 ms consultants, inc. is approved as the most qualified firm to perform professional engineering services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-24-16, and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with ms consultants, inc. for Phase I Services and Phase II Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$652,385.00.

(Resolution No. 35-2025 adopted March 17, 2025)