

## OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

### **Resolution Approving the Selection of ms consultants, inc. to Conduct an Interchange Feasibility Study for Project No. 71-25-18 in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$399,556.00**

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2025, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) published notice of its Request for Letters of Interest (“LOI”) No. 14-2025 to conduct an Interchange Feasibility Study Near Milepost 100.0 in Sandusky County, Ohio for Project No. 71-25-18, (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2025, the Commission received four (4) 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 Evaluation Team concluded that ms consultants, inc. (“ms consultants”) 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 necessary services for the Project, which include, but are not limited to, data collection, traffic forecasts, tolling revenue projections, stakeholder engagement, environmental screening, alternatives development, and cost estimates (the “Services”); and

WHEREAS, ms consultants submitted a fee proposal dated October 2, 2025, to perform the necessary services for the Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$399,556.00, which fee proposal the Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director and the Design and Planning Engineer deemed reasonable and appropriate, and recommends that the Commission approve the award of the contract to ms consultants 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 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 Opportunity and Inclusion determined that ms consultants has made a good faith effort to attain the participation of small businesses on the Project and has made a commitment to exceed the SBE participation goal of 20% for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director reviewed the recommendations submitted by the Evaluation Team and concurs that the Commission should approve the selection of ms consultants 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 for Project No. 71-25-18, and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with ms consultants, inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$399,566.00.

**(Resolution No. 97-2025 adopted October 20, 2025)**