

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving an Agreement with Agile Network Builders, LLC to Provide Redundant Fiberoptic Cable Connectivity, Public Wi-Fi Internet Access and Network Management Services for a Five-Year Period Under the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program in the Total Amount of \$1,868,814.20

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 32-2003, adopted on July 21, 2003, the Executive Director is authorized to participate in state contracts under the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (“DAS”) Cooperative Purchasing Program, through which members may purchase supplies, services, equipment and other materials in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s fiberoptic cable network connections are limited to a sole trunk line that presents a risk for a single point of failure in the cable to result in the complete loss of connectivity at all the Commission’s thirty-one toll plazas, eight maintenance buildings and fourteen service plazas, in addition to its administrative and technology buildings and its secondary systems site; and

WHEREAS, the loss of connectivity on the fiberoptic cable would result in a catastrophic failure in the Commission’s ability to fulfill its mission critical functions, including the collection of toll revenue, and adding an additional connection to the network will allow the Commission to reroute data transmissions around the failure point to its facilities and mitigate the lost connection to maintain the performance of its operations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has made multiple attempts through many different strategies to provide public access points to the internet at its Service Plazas through wireless fidelity (“Wi-Fi”) channels over the past ten years with limited success, and customers and concessionaires have come to expect the availability of public Wi-Fi access at facilities similar to the Commission’s Service Plazas; and

WHEREAS, Agile Network Builders, LLC (“Agile”) currently licenses space from the Commission to operate a wireless broadband communications system, which includes the Multi Agency Radio Communication System (“MARCS”) network, on communications towers under the control of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Agile offers in its proposal dated September 6, 2018 to leverage its assets on the communications towers to deliver a solution that establishes the necessary redundant fiberoptic cable connections to the Commission’s network, supply Wi-Fi access to the internet at all the Commission’s Service Plazas, and perform network management services to maintain and operate the networks, including customer service assistance to patrons accessing the public Wi-Fi at the Service Plazas; and

WHEREAS, Agile proposes to provide the redundant fiberoptic cable connection, Wi-Fi internet access and network management services under the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program’s Master Service Agreement for \$88,414.20 in equipment, \$105,920.00 in installation and configuration services and \$334,896.00 per year for internet access and customer support services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Technology Officer recommends that the Commission authorize an agreement with Agile under the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program for the redundant fiberoptic cable connection, Wi-Fi internet access and network management services, which recommendation the Executive Director has reviewed and approved; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendation and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that an Agreement with Agile Network Builders, LLC to provide redundant fiberoptic cable connectivity, public WiFi internet access and network management services for a five-year period under the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program Master Services Agreement, as described in the proposal dated September 6, 2018, in the Total Amount of \$1,868,814.20, is approved.

(Resolution No. 57-2018 adopted September 17, 2018)