OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Awarding Contract No. 38-98-04

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly advertised according to law for bids upon Contract No. 38-98-04 for the furnishing and installation of fiber optic communication system equipment at forty-seven (47) locations along the Ohio Turnpike;

WHEREAS, the Commission received base bids from four bidders in response to the subject invitation, and bidders also submitted additional bids should the Commission opt to purchase additional equipment in the future;

WHEREAS, said bids have been reviewed and analyzed by the Commission's chief engineer, telecommunications manager and independent fiber-optic consultant, and they have reported thereon, and they, and also the Commission's executive director, have made recommendations with respect thereto;

WHEREAS, all bids for said contract were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions and the same specifications, and the bid of Telsource Corporation of Totowa, New Jersey in the base bid amount of \$6,602,713.00 for the performance of Contract No. 38-98-04 has been determined by the Commission to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received;

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by its general counsel that said bid conforms to the requirements of Section 5537.07, Section 9.312 and Section 153.54, all of the Revised Code of Ohio, and that a performance bond with good and sufficient surety has been submitted by Telsource Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the bid of **Telsource Corporation** of Totowa, New Jersey, in the base bid amount of \$6,602,713.00 for the performance of Contract No. 38-98-04, is, and is by the Commission, determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for the performance of said contract, and is accepted, and that the chairperson and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with said successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid bid; (2) to direct the return to the other bidder of its bid security, when appropriate, and (3) to take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said bid and of said contract; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Project No. 38-98-04 is designated a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement.

(Resolution No. 65-1998 adopted December 14, 1998)