

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Directing the Executive Director to Take Immediate Action Concerning Award of Contract for Group Health Plan Benefits Covering Commission Employees

WHEREAS, the Commission issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the furnishing of Group Health Plan Benefits including medical, prescription drug, dental, vision, and hearing coverage; and

WHEREAS, responses to the RFP were submitted on March 1, 2004 by six (6) insurance companies, and such responses have been reviewed and analyzed by the Commission's consultant, Willis of Ohio, Inc., and the Commission's internal evaluation committee consisting of the director of human resources, the CFO/comptroller and the director of contracts administration (see Executive Summary Report); and

WHEREAS, the response of Medical Mutual of Ohio, Inc. ("Medical Mutual") will result in the lowest level of total annual liability to the Commission, and proposed ancillary administrative services and fees that were deemed the best among all proposals received; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Commission's consultant, as well as the Commission's internal evaluation committee that the contract be awarded to Medical Mutual; and

WHEREAS, the new contract with Medical Mutual will provide for a triple-option plan for non-bargaining unit employees effective July 1, 2004, while still retaining among the options one (1) plan which is offered at no cost to the employees; and

WHEREAS, under the new contract, the same benefits as are presently provided for bargaining unit employees will continue to be available; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by its director of contracts administration that the RFP process was conducted in conformance with the requirements of Section 5537.07 of the Revised Code with respect to the award of contract for professional services, and in a manner that was fair and equitable to all participating insurance companies and that the Commission may lawfully award a new contract to Medical Mutual.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the proposal from Medical Mutual is deemed by the Commission to be the best among all proposals received, and that the executive director is hereby directed to award, and negotiate, as necessary, a contract for the Commission's Group Health Plan Benefits to **Medical Mutual of Ohio, Inc.** commencing July 1, 2004, for a contract term of up to three (3) years; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director is authorized to implement such measures, as he deems necessary, to provide full-time employees, employed as of July 1, 2004, who are not members of a bargaining unit, with a one-time stipend of \$250.00 to assist in the transition to a different health care benefit plan.

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