

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Rejecting the Bids Received for Invitation No. 3978

WHEREAS, the Commission advertised according to law for bids upon a contract for the furnishing, installing and testing of Private Branch Exchange (PBX) Telephone System equipment at all Ohio Turnpike Commission facilities under **Invitation No. 3978**; and

WHEREAS, a Pre-Bid meeting was held on May 11, 2004, at the Commission's Middle Ridge Service Plaza and a tour of the Commission's telecommunications facilities were held to acquaint prospective bidders with the Commission's operations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission received bids from five (5) bidders for the performance of said contract; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee comprised of the Commission's telecommunications manager, the Commission's external telecommunications consultants from Scheeser Buckley and Mayfield, Inc. and telecommunications maintenance technicians from TransCore reviewed and analyzed the bids and submitted a recommendation to the Commission's director of contracts administration; and

WHEREAS, because the bids received were significantly higher than the project estimate and because there were continuing questions on the part of the evaluation committee concerning whether the lowest bids are in compliance with the bid specifications, the evaluation committee has recommended that it would be in the best interest of the Commission to reject the bids, re-evaluate the current specifications and determine the best approach in terms of conducting a new competitive selection process; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's director of contracts administration has submitted a report concerning such analysis, which report is before the Commission, and the Commission's executive director has made his recommendation to the Commission predicated upon such analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by its director of contracts administration that it may lawfully reject all bids for the aforesaid invitation pursuant to its authority contained in the bidding documents and under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.07(A).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the above-mentioned bids heretofore received pursuant to the advertisement for bids upon a contract for the furnishing, installing and testing of a Private Branch Exchange (PBX) Telephone System Equipment at all Ohio Turnpike Commission facilities under **Invitation No. 3978** be, and the same hereby are rejected, and the executive director is authorized to notify the bidders in writing of said action, and to return to the bidders the bid security furnished by each; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director and director of contracts administration hereby are authorized to take any and all action necessary to re-evaluate the current specifications and determine the best approach in terms of conducting a new competitive selection process for the furnishing, installing and testing of Private Branch Exchange (PBX) Telephone System Equipment at all Ohio Turnpike Commission facilities.

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