

## OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

### **Resolution Directing the Executive Director to Amend the Agreement for Intelligent Transportation System Strategic Planning Services Project No. 71-04-06**

WHEREAS, via Resolution No. 60-2004, the Commission selected **HNTB Ohio, Inc.** ("HNTB") to perform Intelligent Transportation System ("ITS") Strategic Planning Services, and directed the executive director and the director of contracts administration to enter into an agreement in accordance with the Request for Proposals that was issued for ITS Strategic Planning Services and HNTB's proposal in response thereto, therein designated as Project No. 71-04-06; and

WHEREAS, under the Agreement, as executed in January 2005, a fee proposal of \$254,432.00 was established for the performance by HNTB of the ITS Strategic Planning Services; and

WHEREAS, in adopting Resolution No. 46-2005 authorizing the purchase of Ethernet equipment, the Commission was presented with a recommendation report prepared by the Commission's telecommunications manager and director of information systems ("IS") to unify such equipment purchases under one (1) primary manufacturer/provider, with said report detailing the efficiencies to be gained by the Commission choosing Cisco Systems, Inc. ("Cisco") as its primary telecommunications and data systems infrastructure equipment provider and,

WHEREAS, Cisco has prepared a proposal to upgrade the Commission's existing SONET fiber optic and microwave radio telecommunications network, and to ensure that said recommendations by Cisco are compatible with the ITS Strategic Plan being prepared by HNTB, the Agreement with HNTB was amended on April 26, 2006 to add \$24,047.00 and thereby allow HNTB to analyze, validate and recommend any needed modifications to the Cisco proposal, thus making the new not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement \$278,479.00; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's engineering, telecommunications and IS staff have reviewed the HNTB analysis of the Cisco proposal received July 25, 2006, which report ratified a modified version of the Cisco proposal; and

WHEREAS, the chief engineer has submitted a recommendation that HNTB's Agreement be further amended to authorize that firm to prepare the detailed technical specifications for the procurement and implementation of the Cisco upgrade to the Commission's existing SONET fiber optic and microwave radio telecommunications network as a part of the ITS Strategic Planning Services being performed under Project No. 71-04-06; and

WHEREAS, a fee proposal dated August 16, 2006 from HNTB in the amount of \$180,786.00, has been reviewed and recommended by the chief engineer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Commission's bylaws, additional expenditures beyond 10% of the original spending authority granted by the Commission to the executive director requires Commission approval unless, among other exceptions, the increase is a result of "circumstances that would create a life, safety or health-threatening situation"; and

WHEREAS, once the plans are completed for the upgrade to the Commission's existing SONET fiber optic and microwave radio telecommunications network, the Commission will solicit bids from Cisco distributors willing to perform the upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the executive director concurs with the chief engineer's recommendation that the ITS Strategic Planning Agreement with HNTB be further amended to allow for the preparation of detailed technical specifications for the procurement and implementation of the Cisco upgrade to the Commission's existing SONET fiber optic and microwave radio telecommunications network; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission hereby authorizes and directs the executive director and the director of contracts administration to amend the ITS Strategic Planning Agreement with HNTB Ohio, Inc. (Project No. 71-04-06) to include the preparation of detailed technical specifications for the procurement and implementation of the Cisco upgrade to the Commission's existing SONET fiber optic and microwave radio telecommunications network.

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