

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving Contract for Independent Public Accounting Services

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for Independent Public Accounting Services for fiscal years 2007 through 2011 was issued by the Auditor of State’s Office on January 18, 2008; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2008, three (3) accounting firms submitted proposals to the offices of the Auditor of State and the Ohio Turnpike Commission in response to the subject RFP; and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Team consisting of the Commission’s Director of Audit and Internal Control, Dave Miller; the CFO/Comptroller, James Steiner; the Accounting Manager, Lisa Mejac; and Senior Internal Auditor, Denise Urbansky reviewed and evaluated the proposals and provided its recommendations to the Auditor of State; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 12, 2008, the Auditor of State, Mary Taylor, acting through Robert Greenwalt, Chief Auditor, Administration, advised **Ciuni & Panichi, Inc.** of **Cleveland, Ohio** that the Contract is being awarded to that firm; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Director of Contracts Administration advises that the approval of a Contract for Independent Public Accounting Services is in conformance Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.17, which requires the Auditor of State to at least once a year audit the accounts and transactions of the Commission, and that the cost of auditing Commission’s books and accounts by certified public accountants may be treated as a part of the Commission’s operations; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Contracts Administration further advises that, because expenditures incurred by the Commission for this Contract over the course of the five (5) fiscal years will exceed \$150,000.00, in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Code of Bylaws, Commission approval of this Contract award by the Auditor of State is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has received the aforesaid recommendations and concurs in such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission hereby approves the award of a Contract covering the audit periods over five (5) fiscal years (**2007 through 2011**) to the firm of **Ciuni & Panichi, Inc.** of **Cleveland, Ohio**, and authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a formal Contract between the Auditor of State, the Ohio Turnpike Commission and Ciuni & Panichi for such services to be performed in accordance with the proposal submitted by Ciuni & Panichi and further authorizes the Executive Director to take any and all action necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms and conditions of such Contract.

(Resolution No. 9-2008 adopted March 17, 2008)