

## OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

### **Resolution Approving the Purchase of MARCS Compatible Radios Under the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program from Vasu Communications, Inc. in the Total Amount of \$221,623.92**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 32-2003, adopted on July 21, 2003, the Executive Director is authorized to participate in state contracts under the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (“DAS”) Cooperative Purchasing Program, through which members may purchase supplies, services, equipment and other materials in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04; and

WHEREAS, the Commission accepted approximately four hundred previously used MARCS portable radios in September 2016 from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (“OSHP”) to facilitate the Commission’s transition from its Very High Frequency (“VHF”) two-way radio system to the Ohio DAS Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (“MARCS”), which allows the Commission to communicate securely with other public safety officials and first responders statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Commission determined under Resolution No. 32-2017 that the purchase of MARCS capable portable radios and accessories were necessary to replace approximately one-third of the current portable radios to upgrade the fleet of aging devices that the Commission received from the OSHP (Phase 1); and

WHEREAS, the Safety Services Manager recommends the purchase of MARCS capable portable radios and accessories are necessary to replace the second one-third of the current portable radios to upgrade the fleet of aging devices that the Commission received from the OSHP (Phase 2); and

WHEREAS, the Safety Services Manager recommends that the best equipment available to upgrade the Commission’s ability to perform its operations is the Kenwood MARCS compatible portable and mobile radio units and related accessories; and

WHEREAS, the MARCS compatible portable and mobile radios and accessories are available through the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program, and the Director of Contracts Administration found that the lowest cost to obtain the equipment is under DAS Contract Schedule No. 573004-0 from Vasu Communications, Inc., of Mansfield, Ohio, as described in its Quotation Numbers 29325 and 29327, dated April 2, 2018, for the total amount of \$221,623.92; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Chief Engineer have reviewed the evaluation and report of the Safety Services Manager and concur with the recommendation that the Commission approve the purchase of the MARCS compatible portable and mobile radios and accessories from Vasu Communications through the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the purchase of the MARCS compatible Portable and Mobile radios and accessories from Vasu Communications, Inc. through the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program under DAS Contract Schedule No. 573004-0, as described in Quotation Numbers 29325 and 29327, dated April 2, 2018, in the total amount of \$221,623.92, is approved.

**(Resolution No. 27-2018 adopted April 16, 2018)**