

## OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

### **Resolution Approving the Selection of Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. for Project No. 99-20-07 for the Total Amount of \$376,527.39 and Approving AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to Perform Professional Services on the Project**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Ohio in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, Amy Acton, MD, MPH, former Director of Health, issued a “Stay at Home Order” which expired on May 1, 2020, requiring individuals to stay home unless engaged in Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions or to operate Essential Businesses and Operations; and

WHEREAS, under the Stay at Home Order, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) continued operations as Essential Infrastructure and Essential Governmental Functions and further determined that its contractors and service providers must continue to perform services and supply goods and materials to the Commission as Essential Infrastructure, Critical Trades, Supplies for Essential Business and Operators and/or Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, former Director Acton issued the “Director’s Stay Safe Ohio Order,” which was in effect through May 29, 2020 and subsequently revised by former Director Acton’s “Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing,” dated May 29, 2020, and extended by current Interim Director of Health, Lance D. Himes, until rescinded or modified by Interim Director Himes or the State of Emergency declared by the Governor no longer exists, which permits governmental entities and other businesses to continue operations subject to Sector Specific COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Businesses/Employees requiring measures such as, ensuring 6 feet between employees, daily symptom assessments of employees, wearing face coverings, regular handwashing, disinfecting work stations and common areas, changing shift patterns, working from home when possible, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer has issued a memorandum to the Commission’s contractors regarding required work site measures that comply with the Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing and this memorandum is available on the Commission’s website at <https://www.ohioturnpike.org/business/doing-business-with-us/construction-projects>; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer recommends that the Commission finds and determines that the contract approved pursuant to this Resolution is necessary for the Commission to continue its operations and complies with the Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing and that the work to be performed under the contract shall comply with the Sector Specific COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Businesses/Employees set forth in the Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing and the Commission’s work site memorandum, as may be amended from time to time, unless or until such order is lifted entirely; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2020, the bridge at County Road 19 over the Ohio Turnpike at Milepost 30.3 in Fulton County, Ohio, was struck by a dump truck travelling eastbound causing severe damage to three of the five bridge beams resulting in the closure of County Road 19 to traffic, and the Commission’s Consulting Engineer, AECOM, of Akron, Ohio, determined that the damage to the bridge is so severe that emergency measures need to be taken to stabilize the superstructure in order to safely open both Ohio Turnpike eastbound lanes; and

WHEREAS, the Commission took immediate action to have a current contractor working in the area provide labor, materials, and equipment to install temporary stabilization measures recommended by the Commission’s Consulting Engineer, although the County Road 19 bridge remains closed to traffic until permanent repairs can be made; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5537.07(G) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Commission may contract for the purchase of equipment, materials, and services without public advertisement “while responding to circumstances created by an extraordinary emergency, as determined by the commission” and the Commission finds that the unexpected and severe damage to the bridge at issue constitutes such an emergency permitting the Commission to award a contract for the bridge repair work without public advertisement; and

WHEREAS, given the present emergency, the Commission solicited competitive bids from three contractors for Bridge Repairs at County Road 19 over the Ohio Turnpike at Milepost 30.3 in Fulton, County (“Project No. 99-20-07”); and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2020, the Commission received three bids to perform the Contractor’s obligations on Project No. 99-20-07 and the report of the Commission’s Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer/Director of Field Operations concerning the review and analysis of the bids is before the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer/Director of Field Operations report that Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. (“Kokosing”), of Westerville, Ohio, submitted the apparent low bid on Project No. 99-20-07 in the total bid amount of \$376,527.39 which they recommend the Commission accept and approve authorization for the Executive Director to award; and

WHEREAS, the Staff Attorney determined that bids for the Project were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions and the same specifications and selecting the bid of Kokosing conforms to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 5537.07 and 9.312; and

WHEREAS, due to the extraordinary emergency at issue, no SBE participation goal was applied to the contract; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary to approve the Contract in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Bylaws because the amount of the bids received will require expenditures under Contract No. 99-20-07 that will exceed \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer/Director of Field Operations recommend the Commission select Kokosing as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for Project No. 99-20-07; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Executive Director concurs with the Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer/Director of Field Operations’ recommendation that the Commission approve the award of the Project to Kokosing as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the unexpected and severe damage to the bridge at County Road 19 over the Ohio Turnpike at Milepost 30.3, in Fulton County, Ohio, constitutes an extraordinary emergency under Section 5537.07(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code permitting the Commission to enter into a contract to repair the bridge without public advertisement; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the bid of Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. for Project No. 99-20-07 in the amount of \$376,527.39 is approved as the lowest responsive and responsible bid received and the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute a contract based on said bid; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director and the Chief Engineer are authorized to assign AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to perform the necessary construction administration and inspection services for the Project in accordance with the 2019-2020 Miscellaneous Professional Services Agreement between the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission and said firm; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission finds and determines that the contract approved pursuant to this Resolution is necessary for the Commission to continue its operations and complies with the Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing and that the work to be performed under the contract shall comply with the Sector Specific COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Businesses/Employees set forth in the Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing and the Commission's work site memorandum, as may be amended from time to time, unless or until such order is lifted entirely; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director has the authority under Article V, Section 1.00 of the Code of Bylaws to approve such extra work or change orders under said Contract that does not exceed ten percent of the approved contract amount or the Executive Director's contracting authority and which is a result of an increase in the planned quantities, newly mandated requirements that did not exist at the time of original contract award, or circumstances that would create a life, safety, or health threatening situation or would unduly delay the completion of the Project or increase its costs.

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