

# OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

## **Resolution Approving the Selection of The Great Lakes Construction Company for Project No. 43-23-03, Parts A and B, for the Total Amount of \$13,071,858.95**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) published a notice in accordance with law to advertise an invitation to bid on a contract for Part A – Bridge Deck Replacement and Rehabilitation, Ohio Turnpike Ramp over State Route 57 M.P. 145.1, Race Road over Ohio Turnpike M.P. 149.2, Stearns Road over Ohio Turnpike M.P. 154.6, Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties; and Part B – Stearns road (C.R. 76) Reconstruction, Township of Olmsted, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and designated as Project No. 43-23-03 (hereinafter the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Commission received three (3) bids to perform the Contractor’s obligations on the Project, as follows:

	<b>The Great Lakes Construction Company</b>	<b>Kokosing Construction Company, Inc.</b>	<b>Shelly and Sands, Inc.</b>
Total	\$13,071,858.95	\$13,538,080.58	\$13,569,543.89

WHEREAS, all three bids were in excess of ten percent (10%) above the Engineer’s estimate and, pursuant to Article V of the Instructions to Bidders, the Commission shall convene a Construction Contracts Award Committee (“CCAC”) to determine if the bid prices are within reasonable conformance with the Engineer’s estimate and a bid price may be accepted by the Commission upon a recommendation by the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the CCAC met on December 20, 2022 and on December 22, 2022 and after considering the Commission consultant’s evaluation memorandum, information provided by the Commission’s Engineering staff, along with Cuyahoga County’s recommendation and the County’s consultant’s evaluation memorandum, the CCAC determined that the apparent low bid submitted by The Great Lakes Construction Company, of Hinckley, Ohio, should be accepted for the reasons set forth in the CCAC memo dated December 22, 2022, which is before the Commission and summarized below:

- The Project was advertised on November 15, 2022, and the Commission received three bids;
- The items with the largest disparities for Part A were the Portions of Structure Removed item and the concrete for the bridge structure items:
  - the Engineer’s estimate for Part A had \$1,472,862.94 for Concrete and Portions of Structure Removed and Great Lakes bid was \$3,070,791.00;
- The items with the largest disparities for Part B were Drainage, Sanitary Sewer and Water Work items:
  - the Engineer’s Estimate for Part B had \$1,133,324.50 estimated for Drainage, Sanitary Sewer and Water Work items and The Great Lakes Construction Company’s bid was \$2,459,732.60;
- Delaying the Project would likely negatively impact the completion time frame of the project;
- A rebid would result in the project not being awarded until at least the February 21, 2023, Commission Meeting, which would make contract execution in the early-March timeframe. This may result in accelerated 2023 construction costs and additional 2024 construction work;
- There is only a 3.7% difference between the three bidders submitted pricing, which represents competitive pricing and consistent pricing;
- The pricing and availability of construction labor and materials is not expected to decrease in the foreseeable future;
- Changing the contract period would hamper the coordination of the related projects;
- Awarding this Project to The Great Lakes Construction Company will not adversely affect the Commission’s Capital Program or financial condition;
- The bidder has committed to meeting the SBE goal for the Project; and

- The apparent low bid received appears balanced; and
- The bidder appears to have the capacity to perform the Project.

WHEREAS, the CCAC reports that The Great Lakes Construction Company submitted the apparent low bid on the Project in the total bid amount of \$13,071,858.95 which it recommends the Commission accept and approve authorization for the Executive Director to award; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Contracts Administration determined that bids for the Project were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions and the same specifications, that selecting the bid of The Great Lakes Construction Company conforms to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.54, 5537.07 and 9.312, and The Great Lakes Construction Company submitted a performance bond with good and sufficient surety; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Equity and Inclusion has found that The Great Lakes Construction Company has made a good faith effort to attain the participation of small or otherwise disadvantaged businesses on the Project and has made a commitment of 11% which meets the SBE participation goal for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary to approve the Contract in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission's Code of Bylaws because the amount of the bids received will require expenditures under the Project that will exceed \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the CCAC recommends the Commission select The Great Lakes Construction Company as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's Executive Director concurs with the CCAC's recommendation that the Commission approve the award of the Project to The Great Lakes Construction Company 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 bid of The Great Lakes Construction Company for Project No. 43-23-03, Parts A and B, in the amount of \$13,071,858.95 is approved as the lowest responsive and responsible bid received and the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract based on said bid.

**(Resolution No. 1-2023 adopted January 17, 2023)**