

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving the Selection of ms consultants, inc. for Project No. 71-22-11 in the Total Amount of \$173,484.00

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2022, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) issued Request for Letters of Interest No. 14-2022 seeking letters of interest for design services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-22-11, Deck Replacement of the Ohio Turnpike Bridge over Ohio Turnpike Ramp at Milepost 162.0, and Deck Replacement of the State Route 94 Bridge (State Road) over the Ohio Turnpike Mainline at Milepost 167.3, both in Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, Letters of Interest were received from seven (7) firms expressing their readiness to serve as the Commission’s engineering consultant for Project No. 71-22-11; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the proposals received, in accordance with the Commission’s Standard Operating Procedure for Professional Design Consultant Selection Process, the Engineering staff concluded that ms consultants, inc., is the most qualified firm to perform the necessary services for Project No. 71-22-11, and conducted a Scope of Services meeting to confirm a mutual understanding of the Phase IA Services for the Project consisting of site inspection, field survey, base mapping, maintenance of traffic evaluation, utility location, stakeholder outreach/ODOT coordination, load rating, and engineering report (“Phase IA Services”); and

WHEREAS, ms consultants, inc. submitted its revised fee proposal dated January 9, 2023, to perform the Phase IA Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$173,484.00 which fee proposal the Chief Engineer deemed reasonable and appropriate, and recommends that the Commission approve the award of the contract to ms consultants, inc. based on its technical proposal for Project No. 71-22-11; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Director of Contracts Administration has determined that the LOI process and the selection of ms consultants, inc. conforms with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.71, that all legal requirements were performed and that the proposals were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions with respect to all respondents and potential respondents; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Equity and Inclusion determined that ms consultants, inc. 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 20% which meets the SBE participation goal of 20% for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the recommendation of the Chief Engineer and concurs that the Commission should approve the selection of ms consultants, inc. to perform the Phase IA Services for Project No. 71-22-11; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary to approve the contract in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Bylaws because ms consultants, inc.’s revised fee proposal to perform the Phase IA Services exceeds \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution seeks authorization of Phase IA Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$173,484.00 but the contract includes additional Phase I Services and Phase II Services, and Commission staff will modify the contract in accordance with the Commission’s contracts policy to include those additional services at the time they are necessary for successful completion of the Project, including presenting a resolution to the Commission if required; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the selection of ms consultants, inc. is approved as the most qualified firm to perform the design services and engineering support during construction necessary for Project No. 71-22-11, and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with ms consultants, inc. for Phase IA Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$173,484.00.

(Resolution No. 14-2023 adopted February 21, 2023)