

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving the Selection of GAI Consultants, Inc. for Project No. 71-23-04 in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$169,922.00

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) issued Request for Letters of Interest No. 3-2023 seeking letters of interest for design services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-23-04, Bridge Deck Replacement of the Mainline Bridge over the Cuyahoga River at Milepost 191.4 in Portage County, Ohio (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2023, Letters of Interest were received from five (5) firms expressing their readiness to serve as the Commission’s engineering consultant for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the proposal received, in accordance with the Commission’s Standard Operating Procedure for Professional Engineering Consultant Selection Process, the Engineering staff concluded that GAI Consultants, Inc. (“GAI”) is the most qualified to perform the necessary services for the Project and conducted a Scope of Services meeting to confirm a mutual understanding of the Phase IA Services for the Project consisting of Field Inspection and Structural Investigation, Engineering Report, Assessment of Protective Coating System, and Maintenance of Traffic Evaluation (“Phase IA Services”); and

WHEREAS, GAI submitted a revised fee proposal dated June 5, 2023, to perform the Phase IA Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$169,922.00 which fee proposal the Chief Engineer deemed reasonable and appropriate, and recommends that the Commission approve the award of the contract to GAI based on its technical proposal for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Director of Contracts Administration has determined that the LOI process and the selection of GAI conforms with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.71, that all legal requirements were performed and that 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 GAI 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 25% which exceeds the SBE participation goal of 20% 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 Bylaws because the amount of GAI’s fee proposal to perform the Phase IA Services exceeds \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the recommendation of the Chief Engineer and concurs that the Commission should approve the selection of GAI for Project No. 71-23-04; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution seeks authorization of Phase IA Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$169,922.00 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 GAI Consultants, Inc. is approved as the most qualified firm to perform the design services and engineering support during construction necessary for Project No. 71-23-04, and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with GAI Consultants, Inc. for Phase IA Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$169,922.00.

(Resolution No. 57-2023 adopted June 20, 2023)