

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving the Selection of LJB Inc. for Project No. 71-23-06 in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$252,844.00

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2023, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) issued notice of its Request for Letters of Interest (“LOI”) No. 8-2023 seeking letters of interest for design services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-23-06, Deck Replacement and Widening of Ohio Turnpike Mainline Bridge over Albon Road (CR 86) at Milepost 56.1; Removal of Ohio Turnpike Mainline Bridge over the abandoned railroad at Milepost 56.3; Deck Replacement and Widening of Ohio Turnpike Mainline Bridge over Swan Creek at Milepost 58.5, in Lucas County Ohio (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023, the Commission received two (2) Letters of Interest from firms expressing their readiness to serve as the Commission’s engineering consultant for the Project; and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Team consisting of Engineering staff convened to independently review, evaluate, and score the submissions in accordance with the LOI Evaluation Process and the Commission’s Contracts Policy in order to rank the submissions; 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 LOI Evaluation Team concluded that LJB, Inc. (“LJB”) 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 bridge inspection and report, field survey, base plans, preliminary rehabilitation investigations, and preliminary engineering report (“Phase IA Services”); and

WHEREAS, LJB submitted its revised fee proposal dated August 7, 2023, to perform the Phase IA Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$252,844.00 which fee proposal the Chief Engineer deemed reasonable and appropriate, and recommends that the Commission approve the award of the contract to LJB based on its technical proposal and fee proposal for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Director of Contracts Administration has determined that the LOI process and the selection of LJB conform with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.71, that all legal requirements were performed and that the Letters of Interest were solicited based on the same terms and conditions with respect to all respondents and potential respondents; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Equity and Inclusion determined that LJB 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 35% which exceeds the SBE participation goal of 25% for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the recommendations submitted by the Evaluation Team and Chief Engineer, and concurs that the Commission should approve the selection of LJB to perform the professional engineering services for Project No. 71-23-06; 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 LJB’s 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 \$252,844.00, 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 LJB Inc. is approved as the most qualified firm to perform the design services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-23-06 and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with LJB, Inc. for Phase IA Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$252,844.00.

(Resolution No. 69-2023 adopted August 21, 2023)