OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Engineering and Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation of Fourteen Bridges in Portage, Trumbull and Mahoning Counties (Project No. 71-14-02)

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2013, the Commission published notice of its Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Project No. 71-14-02 seeking Engineering and Construction Administration and Inspection Services relating to the Rehabilitation of Fourteen Bridges Between Milepost 200.2 and Milepost 236.7 in Portage, Trumbull and Mahoning Counties; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2013, Letters of Interest were received from sixteen firms expressing their interest in serving as the Commission's Engineering Design Consultant for this Project, of which five were deemed most qualified and invited to submit proposals in response to the RFP, with responses due on December 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the proposals received, the Engineering staff concluded that **TransSystems Corporation**, of **Cleveland**, **Ohio** ("**TransSystems**"), is most qualified to perform the above-mentioned services, and conducted a Scope of Services meeting with said firm to discuss the parties' mutual understanding of the Phase IA Services consisting of Site Inspections and an Engineering Report; and

WHEREAS, TransSystems submitted its fee proposal dated March 11, 2014, for Phase IA Services in the not to exceed amount of **\$91,898.00**, which fee proposal has been deemed appropriate and reasonable by the Chief Engineer who, therefore, recommends that the Commission award the Contract for Project No. 71-14-02 to TransSystems; and

WHEREAS, total Contract expenditures will eventually exceed \$150,000.00 when subsequent Phase IB Final Design and Plan Preparation Services, and Phase II Construction Administration and Inspection Services are performed and, therefore, in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission's Code of Bylaws, Commission action is necessary for said Contract award; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by the Director of Contracts Administration that said RFP selection process and the selection of TransSystems conformed with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.71, and 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 Executive Director has also reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Chief Engineer and the Director of Contracts Administration, and concurs that the proposed Contract with TransSystems to perform Phase IA and the ensuing Phase IB Services for Project No. 71-14-02 should be approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, at the time the construction contract(s) for the rehabilitation of the fourteen overhead bridges from Milepost 200.2 to Milepost 236.7 in Portage, Trumbull and Mahoning Counties is/are awarded, the Commission will be requested to authorize TransSystems to perform Phase II Construction Administration and Inspection Services for said construction project(s); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission concurs that **TransSystems Corporation**, of **Cleveland**, **Ohio**, is most qualified to perform the professional engineering services required under the abovementioned RFP, and authorizes the Executive Director and the Director of Contracts Administration to execute a Contract for Project No. 71-14-02 with TransSystems, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Commission's Request for Proposals, TransSystems' response thereto and its ensuing fee proposals therefor.

(Resolution No. 22-2014 adopted March 24, 2014)