OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

<u>Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Engineering and Construction Administration and</u> <u>Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation of Three Bridges in Fulton and Lucas Counties, Ohio</u> (Project No. 71-14-04)

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2013, the Commission published notice of its Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Project No. 71-14-04 seeking Engineering and Construction Administration and Inspection Services relating to the Rehabilitation of Three Bridges between Milepost 34.9 and Milepost 60.8 in Fulton and Lucas Counties; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2013, Letters of Interest were received from twelve firms expressing their interest in serving as the Commission's Engineering Design Consultant for this Project, of which seven were deemed most qualified and invited to submit proposals in response to the RFP, with responses due on December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the proposals received, the Engineering staff concluded that **Northwest Consultants, Inc.,** of **Toledo, Ohio ("Northwest Consultants")**, 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 I Services consisting of Design/Plan Preparation; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Consultants submitted its fee proposal dated May 30, 2014, for Phase I Services in the not to exceed amount of **\$152,971.00**, 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. 71-14-04 to Northwest Consultants; and

WHEREAS, total Contract expenditures will exceed \$150,000.00 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 Northwest Consultants 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 Northwest Consultants to perform Phase I Services for Project No. 71-14-04 should be approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, at the time the construction contract(s) for the rehabilitation of the three overhead bridges from Milepost 34.9 to Milepost 60.8 in Fulton and Lucas Counties is/are awarded, the Commission will be requested to authorize Northwest Consultants 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 **Northwest Consultants**, Inc., of **Toledo**, **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. 71-14-04 with Northwest Consultants, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Commission's Request for Proposals, Northwest Consultants' response thereto and its ensuing fee proposals therefor.

(Resolution No. 38-2014 adopted June 16, 2014)