OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing Geotechnical Engineering Services Agreement with Resource International, Inc., for Pavement Replacement Program

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2014, the Commission published notice of its Request for Proposals ("RFP") to provide Geotechnical Engineering Services for up to ten Pavement Replacement Program Projects, each encompassing five to six-mile sections located along the mainline of the Ohio Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2014, Letters of Interest were received from eleven firms expressing their interest in serving as the Commission's Geotechnical Services Engineer, of which three were deemed qualified and invited to submit Technical Proposals in response to the RFP by July 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the three proposals submitted by the short-listed firms were reviewed by an evaluation team consisting of the Highway Projects Engineer, the Roadway Engineer and the Environmental Engineer, which team ranked the proposal received from **Resource International, Inc.**, of **Cleveland, Ohio,** ("Resource International"), as the best proposal received, which proposal has been deemed reasonable and appropriate by the Chief Engineer who, therefore, recommends that the Commission award the Contract for Geotechnical Engineering Services for the Pavement Replacement Program Projects to Resource International; and

WHEREAS, Resource International has submitted a fee proposal dated July 10, 2014, to perform Geotechnical Engineering Services for the Commission's Pavement Replacement Projects in the amount of \$349,685.00 (which amount includes \$317,052.00 in Geotechnical Engineering Services for the two, 2015 Pavement Replacement Projects, and \$32,633.00 for post-construction Geotechnical Testing for the two, 2014 Pavement Replacement Projects); 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 requested for said Contract award; and

WHEREAS, longer-term, Program-wide tasks to be performed by Resource International, and proposals to perform Geotechnical Engineering Services for up to eight, additional Pavement Replacement Program Project sections, require additional discussion and negotiation and, when Resource International submits fee proposals deemed reasonable and appropriate by the Chief Engineer for those services, in accordance with the Commission's Code of Bylaws, the Commission will be requested to authorize such expenditures with Resource International; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by its Director of Contracts Administration that the RFP selection process and the selection of Resource International conformed with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.71, 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 Executive Director has reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Chief Engineer and the Director of Contracts Administration, and concurs that the Agreement for Geotechnical Engineering Services for the Pavement Replacement Program Projects should be awarded to Resource International; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission concurs that **Resource International, Inc.**, of **Cleveland, Ohio**, is most qualified to perform the Geotechnical Services for the Pavement Replacement Program Projects, and authorizes the Executive Director and the Director of Contracts Administration to execute an Agreement for Geotechnical Engineering Services with Resource International, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Commission's Request for Proposals, Resource International's response thereto and its fee proposals therefor; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission will be requested to authorize additional expenditures with Resource International to perform longer-term, Program-wide tasks for the Pavement Replacement Program Projects, as well as to perform Geotechnical Engineering Services for up to eight, additional Pavement Replacement Program Project sections, in accordance with the Commission's Code of Bylaws, when Resource International submits fee proposals deemed reasonable and appropriate by the Chief Engineer.

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