

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services for Renovations at the Great Lakes/Towpath and Portage/Brady's Leap Service Plazas in Cuyahoga and Portage Counties (Project No. 71-13-02)

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2013, the Commission published notice of its Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Project No. 71-13-02 seeking Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services relating to the evaluation, recommendation and design of renovations at the Great Lakes and Towpath Service Plazas located in Cuyahoga County and at the Portage and Brady's Leap Service Plazas located in Portage County; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2013, Letters of Interest were received from six firms expressing their interest in serving as the Commission's Engineering Design Consultant for this Project, of which three were deemed most qualified and invited to submit proposals in response to the RFP, with responses due on March 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the proposals received, the Engineering staff concluded that **Vocon Partners, LLC, of Cleveland, Ohio ("Vocon")**, 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 Preliminary Design and Phase II Services consisting of Final Design and Plan Preparation; and

WHEREAS, Vocon submitted its fee proposal dated June 5, 2013, for Phase I and Phase II Services in the not-to-exceed amount of **\$97,057.00**, 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. 71-13-02 to Vocon; and

WHEREAS, total Contract expenditures will eventually exceed \$150,000.00 when subsequent Phase III 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 its General Counsel that said RFP selection process and the selection of Vocon conformed with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.71, and that all legal requirements were performed and 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 General Counsel, and concurs that the proposed Contract with Vocon to perform Phase I and Phase II Services for Project No. 71-13-02 should be approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, at the time the construction contracts for the renovations of the Great Lakes and Towpath and the Portage and Brady's Leap Service Plazas are awarded, the Commission will be requested to authorize Vocon to perform Phase III Construction Administration and Inspection Services for said construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission concurs that **Vocon Partners, LLC, of Cleveland, Ohio**, is most qualified to perform the Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services required under the above-mentioned RFP, and authorizes the Executive Director and the General Counsel to execute a Contract for Project No. 71-13-02 with Vocon, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Commission's Request for Proposals, Vocon's response thereto and its ensuing fee proposals therefor.

(Resolution No. 36-2013 adopted June 17, 2013)