

## **OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**

### **Resolution Approving the Purchase of MARCS Compatible Portable, Mobile and Control Station Radios Under the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program from Vasu Communications, Inc. in the Total Amount of \$209,070.34**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 32-2003, adopted on July 21, 2003, the Executive Director is authorized to participate in state contracts under the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (“DAS”) Cooperative Purchasing Program, through which members may purchase supplies, services, equipment and other materials in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04; and

WHEREAS, the Commission accepted approximately four hundred previously used MARCS portable radios in September 2016 from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (“OSHP”) to facilitate the Commission’s transition from its Very High Frequency (“VHF”) two-way radio system to the Ohio DAS Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (“MARCS”), which allows the Commission to interoperably communicate securely with other public safety officials and first responders statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Services Manager has determined that the purchase of MARCS capable portable radios and accessories are necessary to replace approximately one-third of the current portable radios to upgrade the fleet of aging devices that the Commission received from the OSHP; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Services Manager has recommended that the best equipment available to upgrade the Commission’s ability to perform its operations is the Kenwood MARCS compatible portable, mobile and control station radio units and related accessories; and

WHEREAS, the MARCS compatible Portable, Mobile and Control Station radios and accessories are available through the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program, and the Procurement Manager has determined that the lowest cost to obtain the equipment is under DAS Contract Schedule No. 573004-0 from Vasu Communications, Inc., of Mansfield, Ohio, as described in its Quotation Numbers 28011, 28012 and 28013, dated May 29, 2017, for the total amount of \$209,070.34; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Chief Engineer have reviewed the evaluation and report of the Safety Services Manager and concur with the recommendation that the Commission approve the purchase of the MARCS compatible portable, mobile and control station radios and accessories from Vasu Communications through the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the purchase of the MARCS compatible Portable, Mobile and Control Station radios and accessories from Vasu Communications, Inc. through the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program under DAS Contract Schedule No. 573004-0, as described in Quotation Numbers 28011, 28012 and 28013, dated May 29, 2017, in the total amount of \$209,070.34, is approved.

**(Resolution No. 32-2017 adopted June 19, 2017)**