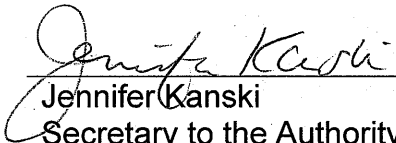


**CERTIFICATION
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NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY**

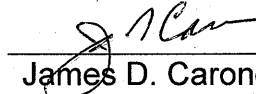
I, James D. Carone, hereby certify that I am the Executive Director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and as such, certify that the attached copy of PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the December 19, 2023 Meeting of the Authority.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority this 19th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:



Jennifer Kanski
Secretary to the Authority



James D. Carone
Executive Director

Corporate Seal

Date: December 19, 2023

Received in the Governor's Office December 19, 2023

Received by:

Print Name

Signature

Veto Period Ends:

January 5, 2024
(Write in the date the veto period ends)



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TO: Jennifer Kanski kanski@njta.com
FROM: Jesse Marie Kirkham, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor
DATE: January 2, 2024
RE: New Jersey Turnpike Authority Minutes

This email is confirmation that the Authorities Unit received the minutes from the December 19, 2023 board meeting on December 20, 2023. The calculated veto date is January 5, 2024.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Thomas Holl

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

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Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti called the meeting of the Authority's Board of Commissioners (the Board) into session in the Executive Boardroom of the Authority's Headquarters Building at 1 Turnpike Plaza in Woodbridge, New Jersey, at 9:14 a.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

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PRESENT

Present were Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Vice Chair Ulises Diaz, Treasurer Michael DuPont, Commissioner Ronald Gravino, Commissioner John Minella, Commissioner Raphael Salerno and Commissioner Francisco Maldonado and Deputy DOT Commissioner Joseph Bertoni (by teleconference). The meeting commenced at 9:14 a.m.

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ALSO PRESENT

Executive Director James Carone, Deputy Executive Director Donna Wilser, Chief Engineer Michael Garofalo, Chief Information Officer Jose Dios, Acting Director of Law Ann Christine Monica, Director of Human Resources Mary-Elizabeth Garrity, Director of Operations Kevin Dunn, Director of Procurement and Materials Management Janet Rzepka, Director of Tolls John Labella, Director of Community and Government Relations Shawn Taylor, Deputy Director of Internal Audit David Forktus, New Jersey State Police Major Michael Krzyzkowski, Troop D and Secretary to the Authority Jennifer Kanski.

Also present were: Outside Counsel, Judy Verrone, Esq., of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Gibling, LLP, Ben Clarke, Esq., of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole U Gibling, LLP (departed at 9:35 a.m.) and Governors' Authorities Unit Representative, Thomas Holl.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

This is a regular meeting of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 in that notice has been given to The Star Ledger and the Asbury Park Press, as well as numerous other newspapers, posted in the main lobby of the Authority's Administration Offices at 1 Turnpike Plaza, Woodbridge, prominently posted on the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's website at www.njta.com and on various social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter, and notice has been forwarded to the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey. Additionally, Authority public meetings will be held in-person and telephonically. Information and

instructions regarding telephonic access to the meetings by the public has been posted on the Authority's website.

Secretary to the Authority Kanski takes Roll Call and the Following Were Present:

1. Vice Chair Diaz
2. Treasurer DuPont
3. Commissioner Gravino
4. Commissioner Minella
5. Commissioner Salerno
6. Commissioner Maldonado
7. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into Executive Session, not open to the public in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Litigation
- Contract Negotiations/Collective Bargaining

The motion was made by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Salerno and, after the voice vote, the motion was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

Executive Session was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. A motion was made by Treasurer DuPont and seconded by Commissioner Salerno to resume the public portion of the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Secretary to the Authority Kanski takes Roll Call and the Following Were Present:

1. Vice Chair Diaz
2. Treasurer DuPont
3. Commissioner Gravino
4. Commissioner Minella
5. Commissioner Salerno
6. Commissioner Maldonado
7. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti

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ACTION ON MINUTES

The Secretary to the Authority reported that ten days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, have elapsed since Governor Philip D. Murphy received the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2023; he did not exercise his power to veto any items in those minutes.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Salerno seconded by Commissioner Minella the minutes of the meeting was unanimously approved.

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RECUSALS

The Secretary to the Authority reported recusals or abstentions submitted for the record:

- Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti is recused of Agenda Item Number 333-12-2023
- Vice Chair Diaz is recused of Agenda Item Number 328-12-2023

- Commissioner Maldonado is recused on Agenda Item Numbers 291-12-2023 through 298-12-2023, 310-12-2023, 311-12-2023 and 325-12-2023.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (in Person)

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Barry Kushnir, Local 194

Mr. Kushnir wished everyone happy holidays and thanked the Authority, through the leadership of the Director of Human Resources Mary-Elizabeth Garrity, Deputy Executive Director Donna Wilser and Executive Director James Carone, who all committed to working with the Unions for an agreement that is fair and that was approved at the November Board Meeting. Mr. Kushnir stated the Union is very grateful as the agreement addressed a number of issues of concern and stated this also could not have been done without our fantastic Governor Phil Murphy and particularly, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti. Mr. Kushnir stated the Authority will never be the same without the Chair and stated she has a friend for life in him and Local 194 and wished her the best. Mr. Kushnir further stated that under the new leadership in place, he is very hopeful they will carry on her legacy.

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Darnell Ross, Local 200A

Mr. Ross stated on behalf of the Local 200, he thanked the Chair for everything she has done for Local 200 through the years and he wished her continued blessings, success and best wishes in her new role.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (remote by tele-conference)

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Tayla Schwartz

Ms. Schwartz stated she lives in Jersey City and she spoke about her concern with congestion and her son's asthma condition only getting worse with the expansion of the Newark Bay Bridge. Ms. Schwartz's concern with this bridge is it will be adding more cars and lanes to an area that already has a bad quality of air and according to the Authority's assessment, it will be doing an acceptable level of harm and she is confused by that statement since she lives in an area where the air quality is at its worse. Ms. Schwartz is requesting the Authority work more closely with other transit agencies to find alternatives for relieving congestion. Ms. Schwartz is also asking for an opportunity for a public meeting in order for the public to be able to voice their concerns.

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Elena Little

Ms. Little stated she is a resident of Jersey City and she is opposed to the widening of the Turnpike Extension. Ms. Little is in agreement with repairing the bridge but does not agree with spending \$11 Billion to add lanes that will not substantially improve commute times and will cause a serious impact

on public health and stated this is an environmental justice issue. Ms. Little also stated to add what is projected to be 100,000 vehicle miles per day to an already overburden community is unconscionable. Ms. Little further stated that electric cars will not come fast enough to help and the children in the community will still be breathing in brake and tire dust.

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Jimmy Lee

Mr. Lee introduced himself as the President of Safe Streets Jersey City, on the Board of Hudson County Complete Streets and working in coalition with the Hudson County Neighborhood Associations and elected Officials and transportation advocates and environmental groups that are fighting for clean air and safe streets and are opposed to the \$10.7 Billion Widening of the I-78 Turnpike Extension. Mr. Lee is asking the Board to pause the award of the final design contract of \$149 Million for the first phase of the widening due to that fact that there has been no public input, no consideration for mass transportation, freight rail and other alternatives. Mr. Lee stated that moving forward with the I-78 Turnpike Widening is a hypocrisy when the state of NJ moves forward on a lawsuit to attempt to stop congestion pricing. Mr. Lee further stated that this Administration claims to be concerned about cancer causing pollution from increased traffic in Bergen County but where is that same consideration for Newark, Jersey City and Hudson County. Mr. Lee also address agenda item number 293, Bridge Repairs and Resurfacing, MP 92 to 122 and NBHCE and asked that the Authority refrain from late night repair work on the Turnpike Extension, which disturbs nearby residents while they attempt to sleep. Mr. Lee also asked for consistent noise barriers.

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John Reichman

Mr. Reichman stated he is on the Steering Committee of EmpowerNJ and he commented that the expansion of the Turnpike Spur is unwanted, unneeded and unpopular and the contract should not be approved. Mr. Reichman stated it will increase vehicle mileage traveled, greenhouse gases and toxic pollutants and will not make congestion better but only worse for Jersey City residents. Further, the Authority is moving ahead with the project without any public input or without considering alternatives like improving public transportation. Mr. Reichman further stated that New Jersey agencies are opposed to NYC's Congestion Pricing Plan and the state has even filed a lawsuit and are prioritizing transporting vehicles over transporting people. Mr. Reichman is asking the Authority to put a halt on this project and receive real public input and a true look at alternatives.

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Emmanuelle Morgan

Ms. Morgan stated she is a 15-year resident of Hudson County, 10 of those years in downtown Hoboken near the mouth of the Holland Tunnel and during that time has developed severe asthma, which clears up when she leaves the area. Ms. Morgan is concerned about smelling exhaust, particulate matter and the direct line between air pollution in causing early death, heart failure and lower IQ points in

children. Ms. Morgan stated with all the known facts, to spend \$11 Billion on a highway widening project does not make sense and people are demanding a more sustainable long-term solution that include efficient and effective transit, which move far more people than highways. Ms. Morgan asked the Authority to listen to the public, to come meet with the public in real public forums where the public can respond.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Executive Director Carone recognized the retirement of Frank Scott Barton, who has worked for the Authority for over 35 years and will be retiring at the end of the month. Mr. Barton was hired as a Toll Collector in July of 1989 at Interchange 18W and from there, through his hard work and efforts, was promoted to Toll Supervisor, Interchange Manager, Field Ops Manager and was named Deputy Director of Tolls in 2017. Executive Director Carone stated that Mr. Barton has had valuable contributions to the Authority. Specifically, after the consolidation of the Parkway and the Turnpike in 2003, Mr. Barton was there to share his knowledge and experience of the Turnpike Toll Operations with his new co-workers and was eager to learn about the operation of the Garden State Parkway. Secondly, Mr. Barton was instrumental in maintaining our Toll Facilities in a safe and appropriate manner and many improvements that we see today are a result of Mr. Barton's never-ending ideas and his efforts.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TOLLS COMMENTS

Deputy Director of Tolls Barton thanked the Chair, Vice Chair and Commissioners and stated it has been an honor to work at the Authority along some great people and wished everyone Happy Holiday and Happy New Years.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Director of Human Resources Mary-Elizabeth Garrity requested approval of item number 289-12-2023. Moved is the item as follows:

289-12-2023

Director of Human Resources Mary-Elizabeth Garrity submitted the Personnel Agenda, dated December 19, 2023, and requested confirmation of the personnel matters contained therein. The Executive Director certified the recommendations for consideration.

On motion by Commissioner Maldonado and seconded by Commissioner Gravino employment of those named to serve at the pleasure of the Authority and other recommended personnel actions, were approved, ratified and confirmed, to become effective as of the dates specified and at the salaries listed.

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ROLL CALL

DIAZ DuPONT GRAVINO MINELLA SALERMO MALDONADO GUTIERREZ-
SCACCETTI

YES YES YES YES YES YES
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LAW

Acting Director of Law, Ann C. Monica, requested approval of item number 290-12-2023.
Moved are the items as follows:

290-12-2023

In a memorandum dated December 19, 2023, Authorization to Settle Litigation in the Matter of Kyosun K. Park v. James A. Thonus, et al. (Essex County), Budget Code: 10-822-441043, Amount: \$650,000.00, was approved.

This matter is a personal injury claim arising from a multi-vehicle accident on the Garden State Parkway near milepost 145.30 in the Township of Irvington on January 14, 2019. Trooper James A. Thonus, distracted while studying his Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) computer and travelling too closely behind, rear-ended the plaintiff's car causing the chain reaction. The impact of the accident resulted in severe injuries to plaintiff. Plaintiff suffered numerous disc herniations in the cervical and lumbar regions, nerve root compression, lumbar stenosis, tear of left shoulder rotator cuff tendon, and a right shoulder labrum tear.

The parties attended a court-ordered arbitration on January 10, 2023. At the arbitration, an award was entered in the gross amount of \$1,000,000. On December 4, 2023, a second arbitration took place, and a trial is scheduled for January 16, 2024. After the second arbitration, the parties agreed to a conditional settlement of \$650,000.00 of all claims in the matter without any admission of wrongdoing by the Authority, subject to the Board of Commissioners' approval. General Counsel reviewed this matter and other similar matters that were previously adjudicated and/or settled to confirm that this proposed settlement value is reasonable given the facts of the case, in consideration of plaintiff's injury, age, and the projected future costs of defense. The Law Department concurs with General Counsel's recommendation.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the settlement of this matter pursuant to the terms set forth above. It is also recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to execute any and all documents in furtherance of same.

On motion by Treasurer DuPont and seconded by Commissioner Salerno the Board unanimously approved item number 290-12-2023; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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ROLL CALL

DIAZ	DuPONT	GRAVINO	MINELLA	SALERMO	MALDONADO	GUTIERREZ-SCACETTI
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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ENGINEERING

Chief Engineer Michael Garofalo requested approval of item numbers 299-12-2023 through 309-12-2023. Moved are the items as follows:

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ORDER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (OPS)

299-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. T3922, New Jersey Turnpike, Parsons Transportation Group, Inc., Final Design Services for Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension Improvements Program, Section 2, Milepost N1.3 to N2.9, R-183078, Budget Code: 5000056102, Amount: \$149,670,000.00**, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide for final design services, preparation of construction contract documents, and other related work for the replacement of existing structures on the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension (Extension) in the Cities of Newark and Bayonne. Structure No. N2.01, the Extension over the Newark Bay, will be replaced with twin cable stayed bridges (one for each direction of travel) that accommodate four travel lanes and standard full left and right shoulders. Approach structures, Structure Nos. N2.01W and N2.01E, to Structure No. N2.01 will also each be replaced with twin structures. The work also includes the preparation of contract documents for the demolition of the existing structures noted above within the project limits.

This assignment is classified as a "Complex Project" since the scope of work is not clearly defined and likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost exceeds \$2,000,000.00. The Solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) was posted on the Authority's website and nine (9) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Code: A098, Bridges: Complex. Three qualified firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of September 14, 2023.

In accordance with the regulations, for Complex Projects, "If only three or four EOIs have been deemed complete by the Authority, these firms shall receive the RFP and the Review Committee will not conduct an evaluation of the EOIs..." [19:9-2.8.3]. The Review Committee recommended that we proceed directly to the RFP phase of the procurement and solicit Technical and Fee Proposals from the three qualified firms which submitted complete EOIs: Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.; Michael Baker International, Inc.; and Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. The Review Committee reviewed and evaluated each firm's Technical Proposal and it was determined that oral presentations would be required. Final scoring resulted in Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. being the highest technically ranked firm. The fee submitted by Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. has been reviewed, negotiated and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is, therefore, recommended that Order for Professional Services No. T3922 be issued to the firm of Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. of Newark, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$149,670,000.00. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of

2.49 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

300-12-2023

In a document dated November 28, 2023, **Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. T3944, New Jersey Turnpike, Hardesty & Hanover Construction Services, LLC, Supervision of Construction Services for Contract No. T100.581, Replacement of Two Waterway Piers, Turnpike Structure No. W115.36 and Miscellaneous Improvements, R-182237, Budget Code: 5000000008, Amount: \$6,800,000.00,** was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide supervision of construction services for Contract No. T100.581, Replacement of Two Waterway Piers, Turnpike Structure No. W115.36 and Miscellaneous Improvements. These services include construction inspection, material testing, record keeping, preparation of payment estimates, and other services required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

This assignment is classified as a "Complex Project" since the scope of work is not clearly defined and likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost exceeds \$2,000,000.00. The Solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) was posted on the Authority's website and forty-eight (48) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Codes: B151, Construction Management and B156, Bridge Repair Inspection. Two firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of July 14, 2023.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, since there were only two EOIs received, both of which were deemed complete, the Review Committee did not evaluate the EOIs and both firms received a Request for Technical and Fee Proposals. The Technical and Fee Proposals were received from both firms on August 22, 2023. Based on the Review Committee's review of the Technical Proposals, the ranking of the firms are: 1) Hardesty & Hanover Construction Services, LLC and 2) Omsum Engineering, LLC. The fee submitted by Hardesty & Hanover Construction Services, LLC has been reviewed and negotiated and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is, therefore, recommended that Order for Professional Services No. T3944 be issued to the firm of Hardesty & Hanover Construction Services, LLC of Hoboken, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$6,800,000.00. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.30 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

301-12-2023

In a document dated November 17, 2023, Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. T3957, New Jersey Turnpike, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., Supervision of Construction Services for Contract No. T100.564, Replacement of Structure No. W112.72B, Milepost W112.0 to W112.7, R-183031, Budget Code: 5000000001, Amount: \$12,200,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide supervision of construction services for Contract No. T100.564, Replacement of Structure No. W112.72B, Milepost W112.0 to W112.7. These services include construction inspection, material testing, record keeping, preparation of payment estimates, and other services required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

This assignment is classified as a "Complex Project" since the scope of work is not clearly defined and likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost exceeds \$2,000,000.00. The Solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) was posted on the Authority's website and sixty-two (62) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Code B155, Bridge Construction Inspection. Seven firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of August 7, 2023.

The scoring of the EOIs by the Review Committee resulted in the following order of ranking: 1) Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.; 2) Dewberry Engineers Inc.; and 3) Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. On September 18, 2023, Technical and sealed Fee Proposals were received from the top three firms. The Review Committee reviewed and evaluated each firm's Technical Proposals and it was determined that oral presentations would not be required. The final scoring resulted in Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. being the highest technically ranked firm. The fee submitted by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. has been reviewed, negotiated and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is, therefore, recommended that Order for Professional Services No. T3957 be issued to the firm of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. of Bridgewater, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$12,200,000.00. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.21 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

302-12-2023

In a document dated November 27, 2023, Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services Nos. T4056 and T4057, New Jersey Turnpike, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. - OPS No. T4056, Churchill Consulting Engineers - OPS No. T4057, Order for Professional Services No. T4056, Supervision of Construction Services for Contract No. T200.671, Roadway Resurfacing, Milepost 0 to 83, Section 5 (2024), R-183032, Budget Code: 0390036011, Amount: \$2,165,000.00 and Order for Professional Services No. T4057, Supervision of Construction Services for Contract No. T200.672, Roadway Resurfacing, Milepost 0 to 83, Section 7 (2024), R-183033, Budget Code: 0390036012, Amount: \$2,320,000.00, was approved.

Through this single procurement process, the Authority will select two consultants to provide supervision of construction services for roadway resurfacing along the Turnpike roadway.

OPS No. T4056 will provide supervision of construction services for Contract No. T200.671, Roadway Resurfacing, Milepost 0 to 83, Section 5 (2024). These services include construction inspection, material testing, record keeping, preparation of payment estimates, and other services required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

OPS No. T4057 will provide supervision of construction services for Contract No. T200.672, Roadway Resurfacing, Milepost 0 to 83, Section 7 (2024). These services include construction inspection, material testing, record keeping, preparation of payment estimates, and other services required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

These assignments are classified as "Complex Projects" since the scopes of work are not clearly defined and likely to change during the course of the projects, and the costs of each exceeds \$2,000,000.00. The Solicitation of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) was posted on the Authority's website and fifty-nine (59) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Codes: B153, Roadway Construction Inspection and B154, Roadway Resurfacing Inspection. Four firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of September 26, 2023.

In accordance with the regulations, for Complex Projects, "If only three or four EOIs have been deemed complete by the Authority, these firms shall receive the RFP and the Review Committee will not conduct an evaluation of the EOIs..." [19:9-2.8.3]. The Review Committee recommended that we proceed directly to the RFP phase of the procurement and solicit Technical and Fee Proposals from the four firms which submitted complete EOIs: Churchill Consulting Engineers; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.; KS Engineers, P.C.; and MAKs Engineers, PC. The Review Committee reviewed and evaluated each firm's Technical Proposal and it was determined that oral presentations would not be required. Final scoring resulted in Churchill Consulting Engineers being the highest technically ranked firm and Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. being the second highest ranked firm. The Fee Proposal of the highest technically ranked firm, Churchill Consulting Engineers, for OPS No. T4057 (in accordance with the Solicitation for EOIs), was reviewed and considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided. Subsequently, the Fee Proposal of the second highest technically ranked firm, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., for OPS No. T4056 (in accordance with the Solicitation for EOIs), was reviewed and considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is, therefore, recommended that Order for Professional Services No. T4056 be issued to the firm of Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. of Trenton, New Jersey, not to exceed the amount of \$2,165,000.00. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.34 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses.

It is further recommended that Order for Professional Services No. T4057 be issued to the firm of Churchill Consulting Engineers of Berlin, New Jersey, not to exceed the amount of \$2,320,000.00.

This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.33 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses.

These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firms were selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

303-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services Nos. A4081 and T4082, New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway, WSP USA Inc. - OPS No. A4081, ATANE Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, P.C. - OPS No. T4082, Order for Professional Services No. A4081, 2024 New Jersey Turnpike Authority Major Bridge Inspection Program, Major Bridge Group 1, R-183079, Budget Code: 010-850-445900, Funding Allocation: \$1,140,000.00 FY 2024, \$200,000.00 FY 2025, Amount: \$1,340,000.00 and Order for Professional Services No. T4082, 2024 New Jersey Turnpike Authority Major Bridge Inspection Program, Major Bridge Group 2, R-183080, Budget Code: 010-850-445900, Funding Allocation: \$1,350,000.00 FY 2024, \$150,000.00 FY 2025, Amount: \$1,500,000.00, was approved.**

Through this single procurement process the Authority will select two consultants to furnish engineering services for bridge inspections of 9 major bridges on the Turnpike and Parkway.

The engineering services associated with OPS No. A4081 will include inspection of 5 bridges in Major Bridge Group 1 located in the southern region of the Turnpike and Parkway. The engineering services associated with OPS No. T4082 will include inspection of 4 bridges in Major Bridge Group 2, which are located in the central/northern region of the Turnpike. Both OPS' include FHWA Structure Inventory and Appraisal (SI&A) form updates, FHWA Element Level Inspection, data collection, and preparation of bridge inspection reports.

These assignments are classified as "Simple Projects" since the scopes of work are clearly defined and not likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost of each is less than \$2,000,000.00. The Solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) was posted on the Authority's website and forty-three (43) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Code: D280C, Bridges - NBIS Program, Complex. Three firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of October 31, 2023.

The scoring of the EOIs by the Review Committee resulted in the following order of ranking of the three firms: 1) WSP USA Inc.; 2) ATANE Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, P.C.; and 3) Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. These three firms were requested to submit sealed Fee Proposals, which were received and have been reviewed. A review of the Fee Proposal of the highest technically ranked firm, WSP USA Inc. for OPS No. A4081 (in accordance with the Solicitation for EOIs), was reviewed and negotiated. Subsequently, a review of the Fee Proposal of the second highest technically ranked firm, ATANE Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, P.C. for OPS No. T4082 (in accordance with the

Solicitation for EOIs), was reviewed and negotiated. Both fees are considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is, therefore, recommended that Order for Professional Services No. A4081 be issued to the firm of WSP USA Inc. of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$1,340,000.00 allocated as follows: \$1,140,000.00 in FY 2024 and \$200,000.00 in FY 2025. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.65 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses.

It is further recommended that Order for Professional Services No. T4082 be issued to the firm of ATANE Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, P.C. of Edison, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 allocated as follows: \$1,350,000.00 in FY 2024 and \$150,000.00 in FY 2025. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.80 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses.

These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firms were selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

304-12-2023

In a document dated November 28, 2023, **Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. A4121, New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway, Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, DPC, Inc., Supervision of Construction Services for Contract No. A500.760, Solar Pilot Program and Roof Replacement at Various Locations, R-183034, Budget Code: 4000012014, Amount: \$550,000.00,** was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide supervision of construction services for Contract No. A500.760, Solar Pilot Program and Roof Replacement at Various Locations. These services include construction inspection, material testing, record keeping, preparation of payment estimates, and other services required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

This assignment is classified as a "Simple Project" based on the scope of work being clearly defined and not likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost not exceeding \$2,000,000.00. The solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) was posted on the Authority's website and thirty-nine (39) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Codes: B151, Construction Management and B159, Building Construction & Renovations Inspection. Three firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of October 30, 2023.

Subsequent to the scoring of the EOIs by the Review Committee, Fee Proposals were requested from the three technically ranked firms that submitted complete EOIs. The firms in the order of ranking are: 1) Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, DPC, Inc.; 2) KS Engineers, P.C.; and 3) M&J Engineering, P.C. The fee submitted by Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists

& Land Surveyors, DPC, Inc. has been reviewed and negotiated and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is, therefore, recommended that Order for Professional Services No. A4121 be issued to the firm of Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, DPC, Inc. of East Brunswick, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.35 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

305-12-2023

In a document dated November 17, 2023, **Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. P4123, Garden State Parkway, Dewberry Engineers Inc., Supervision of Construction Services for Contract No. P100.654, Bridge Repairs and Resurfacing, Milepost 126 to 172 (2024), R-183035, Budget Code: 0390002004, Amount: \$1,895,000.00**, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide supervision of construction services for Contract No. P100.654, Bridge Repairs and Resurfacing, Milepost 126 to 172 (2024). These services include construction inspection, material testing, record keeping, preparation of payment estimates, and other services required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

This assignment is classified as a "Simple Project" based on the scope of work being clearly defined and not likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost not exceeding \$2,000,000.00. The solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) was posted on the Authority's website and fifty-one (51) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Codes: B156, Bridge Repair Inspection and B157, Bridge Deck Repair/Replacement. Four firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of October 26, 2023.

Subsequent to the scoring of EOIs by the Review Committee, Fee Proposals were requested from the top three technically ranked firms. The firms in the order of ranking are: 1) Dewberry Engineers Inc.; 2) LiRo Engineers, Inc.; and 3) Naik Consulting Group, P.C. The fee submitted by Dewberry Engineers Inc. has been reviewed, negotiated and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is, therefore, recommended that Order for Professional Services No. P4123 be issued to the firm of Dewberry Engineers Inc. of Bloomfield, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$1,895,000.00. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.30 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was selected

in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

306-12-2023

In a document dated November 28, 2023, **Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. T4132, New Jersey Turnpike, Boswell Engineering, Supervision of Construction Services for Contract No. T100.651, Bridge Repairs and Resurfacing, Milepost 92 to 122 and the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension (2024), R-183036, Budget Code: 0390000004, Amount: \$1,995,000.00,** was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide supervision of construction services for Contract No. T100.651, Bridge Repairs and Resurfacing, Milepost 92 to 122 and the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension (2024). These services include construction inspection, material testing, record keeping, preparation of payment estimates, and other services required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

This assignment is classified as a "Simple Project" based on the scope of work being clearly defined and not likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost not exceeding \$2,000,000.00. The solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) was posted on the Authority's website and fifty-four (54) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Codes: B156, Bridge Repair Inspection and B157, Bridge Deck Repair/Replacement Inspection. Three firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of October 23, 2023.

Subsequent to the scoring of EOIs by the Review Committee, Fee Proposals were requested from the three technically ranked firms that submitted complete EOIs. The firms in the order of ranking are: 1) Boswell Engineering; 2) LiRo Engineers, Inc.; and 3) Arora and Associates, P.C. The fee submitted by Boswell Engineering has been reviewed, negotiated and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is, therefore, recommended that Order for Professional Services No. T4132 be issued to the firm of Boswell Engineering of South Hackensack, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$1,995,000.00. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.22 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

307-12-2023

In a document dated November 14, 2023, **Recommendation to Issue Order for Professional Services No. A4174, New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway, M&J Engineering, P.C., Supervision of Construction Services for Contract No. A200.784, Guide Rail Improvements, New**

Jersey Turnpike, Milepost 0 to 122 and Garden State Parkway, Milepost 0 to 172, Various Locations, R-183037, Budget Code: 0390028009, Amount: \$370,000.00, was approved.

This Order for Professional Services will provide supervision of construction services for Contract No. A200.784, Guide Rail Improvements, New Jersey Turnpike Milepost 0 to 122 and Garden State Parkway Milepost 0 to 172. These services include construction inspection, material testing, record keeping, preparation of payment estimates, and other services required to ensure compliance with the contract documents.

This assignment is classified as a "Simple Project" based on the scope of work being clearly defined and not likely to change during the course of the project, and the cost not exceeding \$2,000,000.00. The solicitation for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) was posted on the Authority's website and sixty-two (62) engineering firms were prequalified and eligible under Profile Code B153, Roadway Construction Inspection. Five firms submitted EOIs by the closing date of October 23, 2023.

Subsequent to the scoring of EOIs by the Review Committee, Fee Proposals were requested from the top three technically ranked firms. The firms in the order of ranking are: 1) M&J Engineering, P.C.; 2) Naik Consulting Group, P.C.; and 3) Malick & Scherer, P.C. The fee submitted by M&J Engineering, P.C. has been reviewed and is considered to be fair and reasonable for the services to be provided.

It is, therefore, recommended that Order for Professional Services No. A4174 be issued to the firm of M&J Engineering, P.C. of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$370,000.00. This amount includes reimbursement of direct salaries times a maximum multiplier of 2.35 to cover the cost of fringe benefits, overhead and profit, plus authorized direct non-salary expenses. These professional services were procured by a fair and open process, and the recommended firm was selected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

308-12-2023

In a document dated November 30, 2023, **Recommendation to Issue Supplement B to Order for Professional Services No. A3785, Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike, HNTB Corporation, General Consulting Engineering Services, R-183081, Budget Code: Various, Original OPS Amount: \$58,115,000.00, Amount of Supplement A: \$13,150,000.00, Amount of Supplement B: \$12,600,000.00, Revised OPS Amount: \$83,865,000.00,** was approved.

This Order for Professional Services was issued at the September 22, 2020 Commission Meeting, in the amount of \$58,115,000.00. The terms of the New Jersey Turnpike Revenue Bond Resolution require the Authority to employ "...an independent engineer or engineering firm or corporation having a nationwide and favorable reputation for skill and experience..." (Section 709) to carry out the duties of General Consulting Engineers (GCE).

Under OPS No. A3785, the GCE performs the following services over a five-year term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025:

- All known services required of the General Consulting Engineers, but not limited to, services related to and required by bond resolution;
- Updates of Authority manuals and documents
- Reports on the physical condition of the Turnpike and Garden State Parkway roadways and facilities;
- Consultation, strategic planning and support services associated with Capital Programs;
- Construction contract design reviews;
- Review of third party improvements and License to Cross applications and documentation;
- Support and maintain the Authority's Qualified Products List Program;
- Support services related to the maintenance and renewal of property insurance;
- Services related to Electronic Toll Collection and Back Office contract and implementation management;
- Services related to performance based tolling, intelligent transportation systems and technology;
- Support of the Pavement Maintenance Program;
- Assistance with the Authority's Bridge Inspection Program as the Program's Technical Manager;
- Other miscellaneous services as required;
- Any additional services upon request through the Work Request Authorization Form (WRAF) process.

Supplement A provided for an increase in the authorized ceiling of the OPS to permit HNTB Corporation to continue providing professional services in accordance with the requirements of this GCE assignment. More specifically, Supplement A provided for the continuation/completion of fifteen (15) existing tasks.

The existing tasks included providing supplementary staff support for the Engineering, ITS and Law Departments, additional construction contract design reviews, capital program management system (CPMS) support, capital improvement program support, additional bridge inspection program services, and investigations and environmental screenings to advance all electronic tolling.

Supplement B, in the amount of \$12.6 million, is required to increase the authorized ceiling of this OPS to permit HNTB Corporation to provide additional professional services in accordance with the requirements of this GCE assignment. More specifically, Supplement B will provide for Program Management services to aid the Authority with the design and implementation of all electronic tolling on the Parkway and funding for unanticipated services that may arise for which HNTB Corporation is uniquely qualified to perform. These undefined services may include, but are not limited to, updates to

manuals and standard drawings for anticipated changes to state and federal agency regulations, studies, and technical support for the Engineering, ITS and Operations Departments. All services, defined and undefined, will only be utilized upon specific direction by the Authority.

It is, therefore, recommended that Supplement B to Order for Professional Services No. A3785 be issued to HNTB Corporation not to exceed the amount of \$12,600,000.00 with compensation on the same basis as the original Order for Professional Services. The addition of this amount increases the total authorized fee from \$71,265,000.00 to \$83,865,000.00. The original contract was procured pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-9.1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1 of the Authority's enabling legislation, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.8, promulgated pursuant thereto, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

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309-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, Authorization to Purchase Riparian Mitigation Credits – Agreement No. 202-23, New Jersey Turnpike, GV Oradell, LLC, Purchase Riparian Mitigation Credits for Contract No. T100.564, Replacement of Structure No. W112.72B, Milepost W112.0 to W112.7, R-183082, Budget Code: 5000000001, Amount: \$400,000.00, was approved.

This Agreement will provide for the purchase of riparian mitigation credits to mitigate for 0.419 acres of riparian zone impacted by improvements proposed for Construction Contract No. T100.564, Replacement of Structure No. W112.72B, Milepost W112.0 to W112.7. The Flood Hazard Area Permit issued for the project requires compensation in the form of creation, enhancement, restoration, preservation, riparian credit purchase from an approved mitigation bank, or combination, thereof. The purchase of riparian credits was found to be the most cost-effective method of riparian zone mitigation for the project. The Oradell Reservoir Mitigation Bank owned and operated by GV Oradell, LLC was verified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to be the only bank within the project's watershed that offers riparian credits. Procurement will be a sole source, pursuant to the Authority's regulations.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute Agreement No. 202-23 with GV Oradell, LLC to purchase riparian mitigation credits at a cost not to exceed \$400,000.00, pursuant to the terms outlined above. It is further recommended that the Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to execute any such other documents and take any such other actions as are deemed necessary to effectuate the intent of this authorization.

This Agreement was procured under the sole source procurement authorization of N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)1, promulgated under N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 et seq., the Authority's enabling legislation. A resolution, as required by N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)1, is attached hereto.

On motion by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado the Board unanimously approved item numbers 299-12-2023 through 309-12-2023; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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ROLL CALL

DIAZ	DuPONT	GRAVINO	MINELLA	SALERMO	MALDONADO	GUTIERREZ- SCACCETTI
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Chief Engineer Michael Garofalo requested approval of item numbers 291-12-2023 through 298-12-2023, 310-12-2023 and 311-12-2023. Moved are the items as follows:

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PUBLIC BID SOLICITATIONS – AWARD OF CONTRACTS

291-12-2023

In a document dated November 20, 2023, **Recommendation to Award Contract No. T100.564, New Jersey Turnpike, PKF-Mark III, Inc., Replacement of Structure No. W112.72B, Milepost W112.0 to W112.7, R-183060, Budget Code: 5000000001, Amount: \$69,630,889.00,** was approved.

This contract will provide for the construction of a new Structure No. W112.72B which carries Turnpike Interchange 16 Ramp SWT over the Berry's Creek Canal, demolition of the existing structure, lengthening of the deceleration lane on the mainline, replacement of two overhead sign structures, structural rehabilitation of Culvert No. W112.26, and other incidental work. All work is expected to be substantially completed by February 2027.

Twelve bid proposals were received on November 9, 2023 for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The low bid proposal in the amount of \$69,630,889.00 may be compared to the second low bidder in the amount of \$79,690,730.90. The bids were significantly lower than the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$99,188,379.34 likely due to the low bidder's knowledge of the work based on similar projects and current competitive bidding climate. Engineering Department representatives confirmed with the low bidder that they can perform at the bid prices. The low bidder, PKF-Mark III, Inc. has performed work for the Authority and is considered competent to complete this contract.

It is, therefore, recommended that Contract No. T100.564 be awarded to the low bidder, PKF-Mark III, Inc. of Newtown, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$69,630,889.00. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

292-12-2023

In a document dated November 21, 2023, **Recommendation to Award Contract No. T100.581, New Jersey Turnpike, PKF-Mark III, Inc., Replacement of Two Waterway Piers, Turnpike Structure No. W115.36 and Miscellaneous Improvements, R-182254, Budget Code: 5000000008, Amount: \$47,769,980.00,** was approved.

This contract will provide for the complete demolition and reconstruction of two severely deteriorated waterway bridge piers of Turnpike Str. No. W115.36 (major bridge which carries the Westerly Alignment over Hackensack River and various ramps). The contract also includes repairs to severely deteriorated Pier No. E17 of Turnpike Str. No. N2.01 (major bridge which carries the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension over Newark Bay). All work is expected to be substantially completed by July 2027.

Seven bid proposals were received on November 14, 2023 for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The low bid proposal in the amount of \$47,769,980.00 may be compared to the second low bidder in the amount of \$54,610,357.48. The bids were lower than the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$58,023,625.00, which is likely due to the low and second low bidders' familiarity with in-water work and the current competitive bidding climate. Engineering Department representatives confirmed with the low bidder that they can perform at the bid prices. The low bidder, PKF-Mark III, Inc. has performed work for the Authority, including recent interim pier repairs of Turnpike Str. No. W115.36 under Contract No. T100.563, and they are considered competent to complete this contract.

It is, therefore, recommended that Contract No. T100.581 be awarded to the low bidder, PKF-Mark III, Inc. of Newtown, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$47,769,980.00. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

293-12-2023

In a document dated November 27, 2023, **Recommendation to Award Contract No. T100.651, New Jersey Turnpike, Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc., Bridge Repairs and Resurfacing, Milepost 92 to 122 and the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension (2024), R-183061, Budget Code: 0390000004, Amount: \$21,904,000.00,** was approved.

This is the first of two annual Turnpike bridge repair contracts to be awarded for the 2024 construction season. This contract is concentrated in the northern portion of the Turnpike from Milepost 92 to 122 and the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension and will perform work on 26 structures. The work generally includes selective replacement of complete deck panels, concrete spall repairs, joint repairs, replacement of existing asphalt wearing surface, bearing replacement, and miscellaneous substructure repairs. All work is expected to be substantially completed by November 2024.

One bid proposal was received on October 31, 2023 for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The bid proposal, in the amount of \$21,904,000.00, may be compared to the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$16,960,298.50. The bid was significantly higher than the Engineer's Estimate likely due to the recent increases in the cost of labor and materials associated with paving and deck repairs, extended labor costs for required weekend work, inefficiencies with installation of catch systems and small quantities requiring multiple mobilizations due to limited

working hours. Engineering Department representatives confirmed with the low bidder that they can perform at the bid prices. Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc. has performed work for the Authority and is considered competent to complete this contract.

It is, therefore, recommended that Contract No. T100.651 be awarded to Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc. of Hackensack, New Jersey, in the amount of \$21,904,000.00. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

294-12-2023

In a document dated November 16, 2023, **Recommendation to Award Contract No. P100.654, Garden State Parkway, IEW Construction Group Inc., Bridge Repairs and Resurfacing, Milepost 126 to 172 (2024), R-183064, Budget Code: 0390002004, Amount: \$13,698,593.04,** was approved.

This is the first of two annual Parkway bridge repair contracts to be awarded for the 2024 construction season. This contract is concentrated in the northern portion of the Parkway from Milepost 126 to 172 and will perform work on 18 structures. The work generally includes selective replacement of complete deck panels, concrete spall repairs, joint repairs, replacement of existing asphalt wearing surface, bearing replacement and miscellaneous substructure repairs. All work is expected to be substantially completed by November 2024.

Two bid proposals were received on November 2, 2023 for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The low bid proposal, in the amount of \$13,698,593.04, may be compared to the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$12,368,465.00. The low bidder, IEW Construction Group Inc. has performed work for the Authority and is considered competent to complete this contract.

It is, therefore, recommended that Contract No. P100.654 be awarded to the low bidder, IEW Construction Group Inc. of Hamilton, New Jersey in the amount of \$13,698,593.04. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

295-12-2023

In a document dated November 20, 2023, **Recommendation to Award Contract No. T200.671, New Jersey Turnpike, Stavola Contracting Co., Inc., Roadway Resurfacing, Milepost 0 to 83, Section 5 (2024), R-183069, Budget Code: 0390036011, Amount: \$17,986,484.69,** was approved.

This contract will provide for pavement removal and resurfacing of asphalt surface course pavement with warm mix asphalt along the Northbound and Southbound Turnpike mainline including shoulders, interchange ramps, toll plazas, and other incidental work at various locations from Milepost 0

to 83 in Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington, Mercer, and Middlesex Counties. All work is expected to be substantially completed by December 2024.

Six bid proposals were received on November 9, 2023 for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The low bid proposal, in the amount of \$17,986,484.69, may be compared to the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$18,642,000.00. The low bidder, Stavola Contracting Co., Inc., has performed work for the Authority and is considered competent to complete this contract.

It is, therefore, recommended that Contract No. T200.671 be awarded to the low bidder, Stavola Contracting Co., Inc., of Tinton Falls, New Jersey in the amount of \$17,986,484.69. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

296-12-2023

In a document dated November 28, 2023, **Recommendation to Award Contract No. T200.672, New Jersey Turnpike, Earle Asphalt Company, Roadway Resurfacing, Milepost 0 to 83, Section 7 (2024), R-183072, Budget Code: 0390036012, Amount: \$18,875,513.13,** was approved.

This contract will provide for pavement removal and resurfacing of asphalt surface course pavement with warm mix asphalt along the Northbound and Southbound Turnpike mainline including shoulders, interchange ramps, toll plazas, and other incidental work from Milepost 0 to 83 in Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington, Mercer and Middlesex Counties. All work is expected to be substantially completed by October 2024.

Six bid proposals were received on November 21, 2023 for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The low bid proposal in the amount of \$18,875,513.13 may be compared to the second low bidder in the amount of \$19,275,169.69. The low bid was significantly lower than the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$21,203,000.00 likely due to the low bidder's continuous presence in the region and ability to self-produce all asphalt mixes for the project. The low bidder, Earle Asphalt Company, has performed work for the Authority and is considered competent to complete this contract.

It is, therefore, recommended that Contract No. T200.672 be awarded to the low bidder, Earle Asphalt Company of Farmingdale, New Jersey in the amount of \$18,875,513.13. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

297-12-2023

In a document dated November 28, 2023, **Recommendation to Award Contract No. A500.760, New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway, Kane Communication LLC, Solar Pilot Program and Roof Replacement at Various Locations, R-183029, Budget Code: 4000012014, Amount: \$3,126,350.00,** was approved.

This contract will provide for the installation of solar array systems and connections at various locations at TMD 2 on the Turnpike roadway. Work will also include electrical building and site work to support these systems and building work for roofing replacement at the existing salt shed. All work is expected to be substantially completed by January 2025.

Two bid proposals were received on November 21, 2023 for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The low bid proposal in the amount of \$3,126,350.00 may be compared to the second low bidder in the amount of \$3,883,010.00. The bids were significantly higher than the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$2,379,323.00 likely due to recent volatility in the cost of labor and material associated with the solar market and current supply chain issues. The low bidder, Kane Communications, LLC has performed work for the Authority as a subcontractor to other general contractors and is considered competent to complete this contract.

It is, therefore, recommended that Contract No. A500.760 be awarded to the low bidder, Kane Communications, LLC of Trenton, New Jersey, in the amount of \$3,126,350.00. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

298-12-2023

In a document dated November 28, 2023, **Recommendation to Award Contract No. A200.784, New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway, J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., Guide Rail Improvements, New Jersey Turnpike Milepost 0 to 122, and Garden State Parkway Milepost 0 to 172, Various Locations, R-183077, Budget Code: 0390028009, Amount: \$2,774,130.00,** was approved.

This contract will provide for the removal and replacement of guide rail at various Turnpike and Parkway locations. Guide rail, including ancillary items, will be upgraded to current standards at six (6) locations on the Turnpike, one (1) location along a Parkway ramp, and four (4) local roadway crossings of the Parkway. All work is expected to be substantially completed by October 2024.

One bid proposal was received on November 17, 2023 for the above publicly advertised contract, as shown on the attached bid summary sheet. The bid proposal, in the amount of \$2,774,130.00, may be compared to the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$2,348,451.00. The bid proposal was significantly higher than the Engineer's Estimate likely due to multiple mobilizations for the 11 work sites with each location having relatively small quantities of work. J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. has performed work for the Authority and is considered competent to complete this contract.

It is, therefore, recommended that Contract No. A200.784 be awarded to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. of Hackensack, New Jersey, in the amount of \$2,774,130.00. Bids for this work were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

The General Consultant, HNTB Corporation, concurs with this recommendation.

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FINAL ACCEPTANCES

310-10-2023

In a document dated November 22, 2023, All work performed on the construction contracts listed below has been completed in accordance with the contract documents and to the satisfaction of the Engineering Department. Accordingly, it is recommended that these contracts be deemed complete and approved for Final Acceptance. The table below includes pertinent Change Order and financial information including the final payment amount due the Contractor upon Final Acceptance, was approved.

Contract No.	Contractor	Award Total Amount	No. of Change Orders	Additions/ Reductions	Final Total Contract Amount	Final Payment Amount
P500.354	A. P. Construction, Inc.	\$31,918,222.50	3	\$818,101.16	\$32,736,323.66	\$335,542.90
P500.360	Dobco Inc.	\$51,999,999.81	9	\$8,385,332.31	\$60,385,332.12	\$3,623,353.31
P500.361	A. P. Construction, Inc.	\$40,838,672.38	3	\$366,792.39	\$41,205,464.77	\$422,693.61
T500.365	A. P. Construction, Inc.	\$12,369,947.00	3	\$949,935.90	\$13,319,882.90	\$136,905.51
T100.514	Driscoll Construction Co., Inc.	\$17,363,209.35	6	\$873,093.64	\$18,236,302.99	\$6,242.95
P200.524	J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.	\$12,447,315.00	2	(\$59,874.55)	\$12,387,440.45	\$123,874.40
P100.561	IEW Construction Group, Inc.	\$9,225,451.14	3	(\$279,447.52)	\$8,946,003.62	\$726,740.29
P100.562	IEW Construction Group, Inc.	\$9,243,381.83	3	(\$1,594,495.78)	\$7,648,886.05	\$506,768.70
P200.568	Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc.	\$9,154,559.10	3	\$86,170.45	\$9,240,729.55	\$282,890.93
T200.666	Mount Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,899,431.00	1	(\$200,035.36)	\$2,699,395.64	\$244,290.21
Total						\$6,409,302.81

The Certification and Recommendation for Final Acceptance has been executed by the Engineers, the General Consultant and the Chief Engineer. All required contract documents including the Engineer's Final Certifications, Maintenance Bonds, Affidavit of Prevailing Wage and the Final Payment certificates have been submitted to the Law Department and approved as to correctness of form. Furthermore, the

Contractors have certified that there are no liens outstanding against the Contractors. Accordingly, it is recommended that each contract listed above be accepted and final payment in the amounts shown above be made to the Contractors.

**ACKNOWLEDGE REPORTS OF
ENGINEERING EXPENDITURES UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

311-12-2023

The Board acknowledges the reports of Engineering Expenditures Under Delegated Authority as indicated below:

- Construction Contract Progress Summary
- Change Order Summary
- Utility Order Report

On motion by Treasurer DuPont and seconded by Commissioner Gravino the Board unanimously approved item nos. 291-12-2023 through 298-12-2023 and 310-12-2023 and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda. The Authority unanimously accepted the reports contained in item number 311-12-2023 and received same for file.

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ROLL CALL**

DIAZ	DuPONT	GRAVINO	MINELLA	SALERMO	MALDONADO	GUTIERREZ- SCACCETTI
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	RECUSED	YES

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PROCUREMENT AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ("PMM")

Director of PMM Janet Rzepka requested approval of item numbers 312-12-2023 through 323-12-2023. Moved are the items as follows:

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PUBLIC BIDS**

312-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **Volvo and Mack Truck OEM Parts, Repairs, and Diagnostic Services, Gabrielli Truck Sales Inc. of NJ, RM-182067 (Operations/Inventory), Budget Code: Various, Amount: \$1,200,000.00 (2-year contract)**, was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to Gabrielli Truck Sales Inc. of NJ for Volvo and Mack Truck OEM parts to be kept in Inventory. The contract also includes diagnostic and repair services for Authority vehicles. These parts and repairs are vital to the Authority's fleet used for snowplowing operations on both Roadways. Bidders were required to quote a percentage discount off the manufacturer's list prices, and an hourly rate for diagnostic and repair services. The bid was fully advertised, and the six (6) vendors listed in the Authority's database for the referenced commodity were notified of the procurement. On November 15, 2023, a sole bid was received.

Anticipated Total Amount: \$1,200,000.00.

Bids for this contract were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a two-year contract for Volvo and Mack Truck OEM Parts, Repairs, and Diagnostic Services to Gabrielli Truck Sales Inc. of NJ in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, subject to funding availability at the time of ordering.

313-12-2023

In a document dated December 4, 2023, **Trailer Mounted Compressors (11), Hoffman Equipment Co., R-182183 (Operations), Budget Code: 049 00 500 156555 0490016010, Amount: \$426,800.00,** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract for eleven (11) trailer-mounted compressors used for air powered equipment for maintenance and construction repairs on both Roadways. They are replacing existing older models that have reached their life expectancy and will be sold as surplus if feasible. The bid was fully advertised on November 6, 2023, and the fifteen (15) vendors listed in the Authority's database for the referenced commodity were notified of the procurement. On November 20, 2023, three (3) bids were received as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Price</u>
Cherry Valley Tractor, Marlton, NJ	\$494,340.00
Blackler Air Compressors Corp, Staten Island, NY	\$416,790.00
Hoffman Equipment Co., Piscataway, NJ	\$426,800.00

Departmental Estimate: \$426,800.00.

Bids were reviewed by both PMM and Operations staff. The apparent low bidder, Blackler Air Compressors Corp., proposed an equivalent model with over thirty (30) exceptions to the bid specifications. Four of these exceptions were considered unacceptable, as follows:

- 20% less engine starting system cranking power and smaller cold cranking amps
- 11.7% smaller capacity resulting in less run time
- Metal leaf springs instead of torsion suspensions which have smoother ride and are less likely to corrode, leading to faster wear and increased maintenance cost.
- 2-quart line oiler was not available, even though lubrication is required to keep air tools operating at peak efficiency.

Operations staff concluded that these exceptions are material and would adversely affect the efficiency of these trailer mounted compressors, and therefore recommended that the bid submitted by Blackler Air Compressors Corp. be rejected. The second low bidder, Hoffman Equipment Co., took no exceptions and has satisfactorily met the required published specifications.

Bids for this contract were procured, and the authorization being sought is to award this fair and open contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006).

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract for eleven (11) Trailer Mounted Compressors to Hoffman Equipment Co. in an amount not to exceed \$426,800.00.

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STATE/GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

314-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **Volvo Tandem Dump Trucks With Options (8), Gabrielli Truck Sales Inc. of NJ, R-182778 (Operations), Budget Code: 049 00 500 156555 0490016022, State Contract No. T-2809/24-FLEET-56827 expiring 01/29/2024, Amount: \$2,792,467.20 (\$349,058.40 each),** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to Gabrielli Truck Sales Inc. of NJ for eight (8) 2024 Volvo tandem axle cab and chassis dump trucks with options related to snow operations. Options include conveyor body, wing plow assembly, snowplow hitch, de-icing system, and all other standard equipment listed per New Jersey State Contract. These trucks are replacing existing older models that have reached their life expectancy, will be sold as surplus if feasible, and are available under State Contract No. T-2809/24-FLEET-56827 expiring 01/29/2024.

This procurement, under State Contract No. T-2809/24-FLEET-56827 is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 *et seq.*, the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. T-2809/24-FLEET-56827 for eight (8) 2024 Volvo Tandem Dump Trucks with Options to Gabrielli Truck Sales Inc. of NJ for an amount not to exceed \$2,792,467.20.

315-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **Accelion Kiteworks Software License Renewal, Insight Public Sector, Inc., R-182811 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 010 00 830 427010, State Contract No. T-3121/20-TELE-01512 expiring 05/24/2026, Amount: \$355,080.93,** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to Insight Public Sector, Inc. for a one-year renewal of the Authority's external file sharing platform, Accelion Kiteworks. This also includes a migration to the vendor's hosted infrastructure for improved stability. Kiteworks is used by various departments in the Authority to exchange information with external recipients. Data includes contract documents, legal agreements, and OPRA request fulfillment. This license renewal is for a total of 1,304 user licenses to cover the period from 03/01/2024 to 02/28/2025 and is available under State Contract No. T-3121/20-TELE-01512 expiring 05/24/2026.

This procurement, under State Contract No. T-3121/20-TELE-01512 is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 *et seq.*, the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. T-3121/20-TELE-01512 for Accelion Kiteworks fileshare licensing and support to Insight Public Sector, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$355,080.93.

316-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **2024 F5 Support, Dell Marketing, LP, R-182849 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 010 00 830 466010, State Contract No. M-0483/19-TELE-00656 expiring 01/31/2024, Amount: \$102,938.40,** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to Dell Marketing, LP for 2024 F5 Support. This includes coverage for two (2) DNS servers, two (2) load balancers, threat campaign license and Web Application Firewall for one (1) year. The Authority uses F5 to provide high availability and security for applications such as PeopleSoft, CAD, and NJTA website, along with others. This F5 Support is available under State Contract No. M-0483/19-TELE-00656 expiring 01/31/2024.

This procurement, under State Contract No. M-0483/19-TELE-00656 expiring 01/31/2024, is in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a)*, promulgated pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 et seq.*, the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract to Dell Marketing, LP for 2024 F5 Support under State Contract No. M-0483/19-TELE-00656 expiring 01/31/2024 for an amount not to exceed \$102,938.40.

317-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **2024 Microsoft Enterprise Support Renewal, Dell Marketing, LP, RM-182954 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 010 00 830 445900, State Contract No. T-3121/20-TELE-01510 expiring 05/24/2026, Amount: \$164,736.00,** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to Dell Marketing, LP for 2024 Microsoft Enterprise Support Renewal. This support agreement enables the Authority to receive 24/7/365 technical support for all Microsoft products, including but not limited to Windows operating systems, Office products, Exchange, and other server-based application packages. This agreement also includes proactive support including training and evaluation tools to ensure the operating environment is running efficiently. This support plan covers the period from 3/1/2024 to 2/28/2025 and is available under State Contract No. T-3121/20-TELE-01510 expiring 05/24/2026.

This procurement, under State Contract No. T-3121/20-TELE-01510, is in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a)*, promulgated pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 et seq.*, the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract to Dell Marketing, LP under State Contract No. T-3121/20-TELE-01510 for an amount not to exceed \$164,736.00, subject to funding availability at the time of ordering.

318-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **Cisco SAN Network Upgrade, ePlus Technology, Inc., RM-182952 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 049 00 830 156555 0490052015, State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 expiring 09/30/2024, Amount: \$264,267.05,** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to ePlus Technology, Inc. for network switches to replace the storage area network ("SAN"). The current SAN switches are over eight (8) years old and are at end of support. This contract will provide four (4) new Cisco SAN switches, Nexus Dashboard software for monitoring the platform, licenses, and five (5) years of 24/7/365 support and is available under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 expiring 09/30/2024.

This procurement, under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 *et seq.*, the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 for Cisco SAN Network Upgrade to ePlus Technology, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$264,267.05.

319-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **2024 Cisco Network Refresh, ePlus Technology, Inc., RM-182949 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 400 00 830 156555 4000052000, State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 expiring 09/30/2024, Amount: \$3,311,706.56,** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to ePlus Technology, Inc. for hardware and support necessary for the 2024 Cisco Network Refresh Project. The network is responsible for voice, radio, video, and data services for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, New Jersey Department of Transportation, and New Jersey State Police. The current network hardware is end of support and this project will replace all switches at NJTA Headquarters, and layer two (2) switches at Traffic Management Center (TMC), Central Services Facility (CSF), and NJSP barracks. Also included is the replacement of the Authority's internet firewalls, the necessary software licenses, and five (5) years of 24x7x365 support available under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 expiring 09/30/2024.

This procurement, under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 *et seq.*, the Authority's enabling

legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 for 2024 Cisco Network Refresh to ePlus Technology, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$3,311,706.56.

320-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **Cisco CS Kit Upgrade, ePlus Technology, Inc., RM-182987 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 400 00 830 156555 4000052000, State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 expiring 09/30/2024, Amount: \$346,597.73,** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to ePlus Technology, Inc. for equipment to upgrade the audio-visual equipment in the conference rooms and Boardroom at NJTA Headquarters. The contract includes equipment, software licenses, five years of support, and installation services. This project will replace equipment that is at end of support and provide the latest technology for meetings and collaborations and is available under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 expiring 09/30/2024.

This procurement, under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 *et seq.*, the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 for Cisco CS Kit Upgrade to ePlus Technology, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$346,597.73.

321-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **Cisco Video Conferencing Upgrade, ePlus Technology, Inc., RM-182988 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 400 00 830 156555 4000052000, State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 expiring 09/30/2024, Amount: \$166,569.43,** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to ePlus Technology, Inc. for hardware to upgrade the Cisco UCSX platform. The current UCSX infrastructure is over eight (8) years old and end of support. This contract, which includes one UCSX chassis and six (6) blade servers, provides the Authority with video conferencing capabilities when joining a Cisco WebEx or Microsoft Teams meeting. Also included in this contract are software licenses, five years of 24/7/365 support, and installation services, all available under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 expiring 09/30/2024.

This procurement, under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 *et seq.*, the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. M-7000/21-TELE-01506 for Cisco Video Conferencing Upgrade to ePlus Technology, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$166,569.43.

322-12-2023

In a document dated November 29, 2023, **SmartConnect APX N70 Radios, Motorola Solutions, Inc., R-183009 (Information Technology Services), Budget Code: 049 00 830 650040 0490072023, State Contract No. T-0109/83909 expiring 04/30/2024, Amount: \$452,488.63,** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for fifty (50) SmartConnect APX N70 portable radios. The Authority has a Motorola radio system that covers 95% of both roadways. This contract will provide fifty (50) portable radios which integrate with the Authority's current Motorola radio network and utilize VZE LTE when there is no radio coverage. This contract includes fifty portable (50) radios, licenses, and accessories, and is available under State Contract No. T-0109/83909 expiring 04/30/2024.

This procurement, under State Contract No. T-0109/83909 is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 *et seq.*, the Authority's enabling legislation, and Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. T-0109/83909 for fifty (50) SmartConnect APX N70 portable radios to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$452,488.63.

323-12-2023

In a document dated December 13, 2023, **Workstation Installation and Removal, Xybix Systems, Inc., R-183625 (Operations), Budget Code: 049 00 500 156555 0490012028, State Contract No. T-0109/83922 expiring 04/30/2024, Amount: \$1,028,728.18,** was approved.

Authorization is requested to award a contract to Xybix Systems, Inc. for Workstation Installation and Removal at the TMC building. This redesign is necessary to return the floor plan to the original layout to streamline the workflow. The contract includes the deconstruction and disposal of the old workstation system as well as installation of the new one and is available under State Contract No. T-0109/83922 expiring 04/30/2024.

This procurement, under State Contract No. T-0109/83922 is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.5(a), promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:23-1 *et seq.*, the Authority's enabling legislation, and

Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006) which permits the Authority, without advertising, to purchase goods and services directly from vendors who hold contracts with the State of New Jersey.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award a contract under State Contract No. T-0109/83922 for Workstation Installation and Removal to Xybix Systems, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,028,728.18.

On motion by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Minella the Board unanimously approved item numbers 312-12-2023 through 323-12-2023; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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ROLL CALL

DIAZ	DuPONT	GRAVINO	MINELLA	SALERMO	MALDONADO	GUTIERREZ- SCACCETTI
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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GENERAL BUSINESS

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OPERATIONS

Director of Operations Kevin Dunn requested acceptance of item number 324-12-2023. Moved is the item as follows:

324-12-2023

Director of Operations Kevin Dunn requested acceptance of **Volumes and Crash Synopses for the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike: Period 01/01/2023 through 11/30/2023; with 2022-2023 Yearly Comparisons through November 2023,** was approved.

On motion by Commissioner Salerno and seconded by Treasurer DuPont the Board unanimously accepted item number 324-12-2023; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

Director of Operations Kevin Dunn requested approval of item number 325-12-2023. Moved is the item as follows:

325-12-2023

In a document dated November 30, 2023, All work performed on the construction contract listed below has been completed in accordance with the contract documents and to the satisfaction of the Operations Department. Accordingly, it is recommended that this contract be deemed complete and approved for Final Acceptance. The table below includes pertinent Change Order and financial information including the final payment amount due the Contractor upon Final Acceptance.

Contract No.	Contractor	Award Total Amount	Number of Change Orders	Additions/ Reductions	Final Total Contract Amount	Final Payment Amount
T200.541	J. Fletcher Creamer & Son., Inc.	\$8,899,777.00	11	(\$568,208.16)	\$8,331,568.84	\$166,631.40
Total						\$166,631.40

On motion by Commissioner Gravino and seconded by Commissioner Minella the Board unanimously approved item number 325-12-2023; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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ROLL CALL

DIAZ DuPONT GRAVINO MINELLA SALERMO MALDONADO BERTONI
 YES YES YES YES YES RECUSED YES

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STATE POLICE

Major Michael Krzyzkowski requested acceptance of item number 326-12-2023. Moved is the item as follows:

326-12-2023

Major Michael Krzyzkowski requested acceptance of the New Jersey State Police Troop D Activity Reports for November 2023, with 2022– 2023 Yearly Comparisons.

On motion by Commissioner Gravino and seconded by Vice Chair Diaz the Board unanimously accepted the reports contained in item number 326-12-2023 and received same for file.

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FINANCE

Executive Director Carone requested acceptance of item number 327-12-2023. Moved is the item as follows:

327-12-2023

Executive Director Carone presented the Financial Summary for the Eleven (11) month's ended November 30, 2023, was accepted.

On motion by Treasurer DuPont and seconded by Commissioner Minella the Board unanimously accepted item number 327-12-2023; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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EXECUTIVE

Executive Director Carone requested approval of item number 328-12-2023. Moved is the item as follows:

328-12-2023

In a memorandum dated December 19, 2023, Authorization to Settle Litigation in the Matter of Caroline Clarke vs. New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Docket No. MID-L-2267-2, Amount: \$1,875,000, was approved.

On April 21, 2023, Law Department employee, Caroline Clarke, filed litigation against the Authority alleging employment discrimination based on race, gender/hostile work environment/adverse employment action and whistleblower claims arising out of her five-day suspension without pay in December 2022, and her placement on indefinite paid leave later that month, which continues to date. Plaintiff submitted an initial demand of \$3 million, including voluntary resignation from her position as EEO Officer.

The parties attended a mediation on November 21, 2023 before the Hon. Mark Epstein, J.S.C. (ret.). Judge Epstein's judicial experience involved similar employment discrimination cases. After meeting with each of the parties, Judge Epstein strongly urged the Authority to attempt settlement given the risks and costs involved in going to trial. In turn, the Judge strongly urged plaintiff to reduce its demand below \$2 million.

As a result of the mediation and Judge Epstein's urging, the parties held several subsequent discussions regarding settlement. Plaintiff has agreed to a settlement, subject to Board approval, of \$1,875,000 in exchange for which Plaintiff will release all claims and voluntarily resign from the Authority, which would entitle her to any accrued vacation and sick time. General Counsel has recommended the settlement and I concur.

Therefore, approval of the settlement in this matter is requested, as is authority for me to execute all necessary documents and take any other actions necessary to finalize the settlement.

On motion by Treasurer DuPont and seconded by Commissioner Minella the Board unanimously accepted item number 328-12-2023; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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ROLL CALL

DIAZ	DuPONT	GRAVINO	MINELLA	SALERMO	MALDONADO	GUTIERREZ- SCACCETTI
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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EXECUTIVE

Deputy Executive Director Wilser requested approval of item numbers 329-12-2023. Moved is the item as follows:

329-12-2023

In a memorandum dated December 8, 2023, Authorization to Award a Contract for Insured Stop Loss Coverage to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield ("Horizon") for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024 and to negotiate renewal of this coverage for the ensuing one-year period (1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025), for an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000, was approved.

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority ("Authority") has been working with its Health Benefits Consultant, Buck Global, LLC ("Buck"), to solicit proposals for Stop Loss Insurance coverage. Stop Loss coverage is insurance that protects the Authority's self-insured medical benefits program from individual claimants with aggregate medical and prescription drug claims above a specific threshold. The Authority's threshold, or self-insured retention, is a \$350,000 deductible per family claimant, plus an additional \$250,000 known as an aggregating deductible for a combined threshold of \$600,000.

On behalf of the Authority, Buck performed a stop loss competitive marketing requesting proposals from nine (9) vendors, including the incumbent Union Labor Life Insurance Company ("ULLICO"), for rates offering stop loss insurance effective January 1, 2024. Vendors were asked to propose a contract that matched the current contract provisions. Six (6) vendors were determined to be uncompetitive. Three proposals (3) received from the following vendors were deemed to be responsive:

- 1) Union Labor Life Insurance Company ("ULLICO")
- 2) Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey ("Horizon")
- 3) HM Insurance Group ("HMIG")

In its Evaluation Report dated December 2023, Buck thoroughly documented the evaluation process, the proposals, options to consider and its recommendation. Critical factors considered in the analysis were the proposer's ability to match the current contractual provisions, no lasering which are claimant(s) who are subject to a higher deductible than the rest of the participants in the same contract due to high medical claims, as well as the total financial exposure to the Authority. After reviewing the proposals, Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey had the most competitive proposal while maintaining all the provisions of the current Stop Loss contract. Horizon's Stop Loss proposal did not include lasering any claimants, had the lowest premium proposed, and would streamline the current process as Horizon is also the Authority's medical third-party claims administrator.

The incumbent Stop Loss carrier, ULLICO, also proposed a contract with no lasering of claimants, but its proposed premium cost was the least competitive. HM Insurance Group, also did not include lasering any claimants, offered additional online capabilities, but its premium cost was higher than Horizon's.

The Authority's direct financial exposure is the annual premium paid, plus the aggregating specific deductible, \$250,000 (that must be met before any reimbursement is received from the stop loss contract), plus the estimated amount of the lasered claims above the specific stop loss deductible. Based on this analysis, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey provided the most competitive quote. Horizon proposed a premium rate that is 8.8% below the current premium, for an estimated annual premium not to exceed \$2.80 Million. The total exposure with the specific aggregating deductible (\$250,000) is \$3.05 Million, or a decrease of \$819,000 below the current exposure. Horizon also proposed a renewal rate cap not to exceed 50% with the same provisions as current, including no new lasers for the 2025 renewal period. The insurance financial strength of Horizon is an A rating from Standard and Poor's.

ULLICO proposed a premium rate that matched the current premium costs, for an estimated annual premium not to exceed \$3.06 Million. The total exposure with the specific aggregating deductible (\$250,000), \$3.31 Million, or 8.4% above Horizon’s proposed exposure. However, ULLICO’s proposal did not exclude new lasers for the 2025 renewal at this current rate, increasing the exposure for the next renewal.

HM Insurance Group proposed a premium rate that is 2.1% below current premium costs, for an estimated annual premium of \$2.99 Million. However, the total exposure with the specific aggregating deductible (\$250,000), is \$3.24 Million, or 2.1% below ULLICO’s proposal, but 6.2% above Horizon’s proposal.

Buck Consultants recommends, and staff concurs, with placing the stop loss coverage with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. Horizon has not only offered the most competitive proposal regarding cost and exposure but has also proposed a more favorable insured agreement for the Authority.

Therefore, authorization is requested to award a contract for insured Stop Loss coverage to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey with an Family Specific Stop Loss threshold of \$350,000 including the aggregating specific deductible of \$250,000, for the policy period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for premium amounts not to exceed \$2,800,000, which precise premium shall be subject to fluctuation based on enrollment, as the premium is computed on a per participant per month basis. It is further recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to take any actions and execute any documents that are necessary to effectuate the purpose of the above authorizations. Authorization is further requested to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey for one subsequent one-year renewal not to exceed a 50% maximum increase in the annual fee. In the event that the Executive Director cannot negotiate renewal of this coverage with Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey, the Authority will, once again, engage all available resources to evaluate market conditions, solicit competitive rates and seek authorization from the Board for any subsequent awards.

On motion by Treasurer DuPont and seconded by Commissioner Salerno the Board unanimously accepted item number 329-12-2023; and authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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ROLL CALL

DIAZ	DuPONT	GRAVINO	MINELLA	SALERMO	MALDONADO	GUTIERREZ- SCACCETTI
RECUSED	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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EXECUTIVE

Deputy Executive Director Wilser requested approval of item numbers 330-12-2023 and 331-12-2023. Moved is the item as follows:

330-12-2023

In a memorandum dated December 1, 2023, **Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with IFPTE Local 196 Chapter 1 and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement**, was approved.

On November 29, 2023, IFPTE Local 196-1 and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority entered into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") relative to but not limited to; Compensation, Pay Parity, and other work rule revisions. The MOA has a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027.

This MOA provides for across the board salary increases for Local 196-1 employees as follows:

- Effective July 1, 2023 – 3.5%
- Effective July 1, 2024 – 3.5%
- Effective July 1, 2025 – 3.5%
- Effective July 1, 2026 – 3.5%

All steps for all job classifications within the bargaining unit shall also be increased by the across-the-board increases set forth above.

The fully executed MOA shall be made a part of this authorization and both parties recognize and agree that this MOA represents the entire understanding of parties.

Therefore, approval of this MOA is respectfully requested. It is also requested to authorize the Executive Director to authorize all documents relative to this MOA.

[Memorandum of Agreement, IFPTE Local 196, Chapter 1 and NJTA – attached hereto]

331-12-2023

In a memorandum dated December 1, 2023, **Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with IFPTE Local 196 Chapter 12 and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement**, was approved.

On November 21, 2023, IFPTE Local 196-12 and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority entered into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") relative to but not limited to; Compensation, Pay Parity, Allowances for uniforms and safety shoes, and other work rule revisions. The MOA has a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027.

This MOA provides for across the board salary increases for Local 196-12 employees as follows:

- Effective July 1, 2023 – 3.5%
- Effective July 1, 2024 – 3.5%
- Effective July 1, 2025 – 3.5%
- Effective July 1, 2026 – 3.5%

All steps for all job classifications within the bargaining unit shall also be increased by the across-the-board increases set forth above.

The fully executed MOA shall be made a part of this authorization and both parties recognize and agree that this MOA represents the entire understanding of parties.

Therefore, approval of this MOA is respectfully requested. It is also requested to authorize the Executive Director to authorize all documents relative to this MOA.

[Memorandum of Agreement, IFPTE Local 196, Chapter 12 and NJTA attached hereto]

On motion by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Maldonado the Board unanimously approved item numbers 330-12-2023 and 331-12-2023 authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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ROLL CALL

DIAZ	DuPONT	GRAVINO	MINELLA	SALERMO	MALDONADO	GUTIERREZ- SCACCETTI
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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EXECUTIVE

Executive Director Carone requested approval of item number 332-12-2023. Moved is the item as follows:

332-12-2023

In a memorandum dated December 6, 2023, Request for Authorization to Appoint a Replacement Committee Member to the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan Administrative Committee, was approved.

By Agenda Item 403-12-2016, the Commissioners of the Authority authorized the adoption of a restated New Jersey Turnpike Authority Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"), which became effective January 1, 2017. Section 8.01 of the Plan provides that the Board appoint a Plan Administrator (currently the Authority's Director of Human Resources) and an Administrative Committee consisting of five (5) members. Pursuant to the terms of the Plan, the Administrative Committee, with the assistance of outside consultants, is responsible for selecting and monitoring the investment options available under the Plan and adopting ministerial amendments thereto. Additionally, subject to Board approval, the Administrative Committee may recommend a third-party administrator to perform certain administrative services and may recommend a service provider to provide investment options for the Plan.

Due to an employee retirement, there is a vacancy in the Administrative Committee. The Administrative Committee currently consists of the Authority's Executive Director, the Director of Human Resources, the Deputy Director of Operations, and an attorney in the Law Department. To fill the vacancy created by the employee's retirement and comply with the Plan, it is requested that the Authority's Deputy Executive Director Donna Wilser, be appointed to the Administrative Committee to fill the vacancy.

Therefore, authorization is requested to appoint the Deputy Executive Director to the Administrative Committee, as set forth above. It is further recommended that the Executive Director be

authorized to take such actions, execute such documents, and do all things necessary to effectuate the intent of this recommendation.

On motion by Commissioner Minella and seconded by Vice Chair Diaz the Board unanimously approved item numbers 332-12-2023 authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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ROLL CALL

DIAZ DuPONT GRAVINO MINELLA SALERMO MALDONADO GUTIERREZ-SCACCETTI

YES YES YES YES YES YES YES

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EXECUTIVE

Executive Director Carone requested approval of item number 333-12-2023. Moved is the item as follows:

333-12-2023

In a resolution dated December 19, 2023, Resolution for Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti Recognizing her Leadership and Outstanding Contributions as the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Chair, was approved.

{Resolution Attached to these Minutes}

On motion by Commissioner Minella and seconded by Treasurer DuPont the Board unanimously approved item number 333-12-2023 authorized or ratified, as presented, the recommendations contained therein; and received and filed the memoranda.

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ROLL CALL

DIAZ DuPONT GRAVINO MINELLA SALERMO MALDONADO GUTIERREZ-SCACCETTI
YES YES YES YES YES YES RECUSED

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Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Gravino stated the Chair has left the Authority financially stable and everyone has benefited from her kindness and knowledge. Commissioner Gravino shared he particularly likes to listen to when the Senate and Assembly calls on the Chair and the Chair does not miss a beat with her replies because she is an amazing individual with so much knowledge. Commissioner Gravino further stated it has been a pleasure to serve with the Chair and wished her the very best in the future. Lastly, Commissioner Gravino acknowledged and congratulated the Chair on making Women of New Jersey. Commissioner Salerno stated the Chair's accomplishments are very well documented and her leadership has been phenomenal and thanked the Chair for being a friend. Commissioner Maldonado wished the Chair good luck in her new position. Treasurer DuPont stated the Chair has great faith and has immense fortitude and has overcome great obstacles but above all, as she has risen to a position of

advocacy and power, the Chair has remained very humble. Treasurer DuPont added that the greatest achievement that can be said is when mentors and fellow students of transportation come back and praise her and seeing former NJTA Deputy Executive Director and former NJTA Chairman Steve Dilts and former NJTA Chairman Kris Kolluri here today, that is a tribute to the Chair's great accomplishments. Treasurer DuPont closed with saying that the Chair has made an indelible mark on him and wishes the Chair the best and will keep her in his prayers. Commissioner Minella stated that working for the Authority as the Superintendent of Maintenance gave him the opportunity to work with the Chair when she was in her role of Executive Director and he admired her straightforwardness, work ethic, dedication, compassion, her knowledge and the fact that she was always looking out for the employees and he congratulated her on her new position. Vice Chair Diaz stated three words that stick with him about the Chair is her conviction, tenacity and friendship and he thanked the Chair for that.

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Chair's Comments

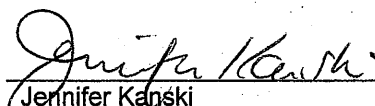
Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti stated that it was 13 years, 3 months and 19 days ago since she left the Authority for what she believed was the last time and when she did, she wrote a very interesting email with the subject line of "one last email" and when she returned to New Jersey, that email was returned to her to remind her that life goes on and takes its own interesting twists and turns but all and all, the road has been somewhat smooth and she believes God's hand is in everything that has happened to her from leaving the Authority to the benefit of coming back and serving as the Chair and that has been one of the greatest, if not the greatest, honor of her professional career. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti further stated she loves what she does, she loves the people she works with and hopefully the person that follows her will be better than her and that is always the hope and that they have the same compassion to take care of the people that work at the Authority everyday and to make sure we do the good work of the transportation system in New Jersey. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti continued by saying projects are not easy, delivery is not easy and we must do things with the best intent and for the greater good while being compassionate to those that work around us, with us and to our neighboring communities. She hopes she has instilled upon all of us the importance of charity and good hard work and it has been one of the most rewarding things in her life. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti believes the Turnpike has the ability to continue to be a strong agency that supports the transportation needs across the state. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti stated her heart will always be in transportation and she will now be able to use that knowledge in a much better context in government but will always keep one eye on those she holds most dear. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti thanked Executive Director Carone and his team. Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti closed with saying God Bless, stay strong, stay safe, stay together in both your professional and personal life and thanked everyone.

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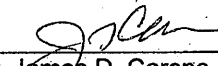
The motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Salerno and, after the voice vote, the motion was duly adopted. The Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m. and advised that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at

NJTA BOARD MEETING 12-19-2023

9:00 a.m., in person, with optional telephonic public call in (check the website NJTA.com to get call-in information), at the Authority's headquarters building located at 1 Turnpike Plaza in Woodbridge, New Jersey.



Jennifer Kanski
Secretary to the Authority



James D. Carone
Executive Director

Date: December 19, 2023

RESOLUTION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

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RIPARIAN MITIGATION CREDITS

WHEREAS, Construction Contract No. T100.564 – Replacement of Structure No. W112.72B, Milepost W112.0 to W112.7 (“Project”) will impact riparian zone in Watershed Management Area 5 and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit (NJDEP Permit #0200-23-0003.1 LUP230001) issued for the Improvements will require construction of a mitigation site, site preservation, or the purchase of mitigation credits from a riparian mitigation bank within the local watershed to mitigate impacts to the riparian zone by the Project and;

WHEREAS, such aforementioned Permit will allow the Authority to purchase riparian mitigation credits from Oradell Reservoir Mitigation Bank;

WHEREAS, as of September 22, 2023, the Oradell Reservoir Mitigation Bank operated by GV Oradell, LLC located in Boroughs of Haworth and Closter, Bergen County, New Jersey is the only riparian mitigation bank with riparian mitigation credits approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection servicing Watershed Management Area 5; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department has determined that the purchasing of mitigation credits is found to be the most cost effective method of mitigation and will allow for the Project to proceed on schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s regulations, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)1 promulgated under N.J.S.A. 27:23-1, permit sole source procurement when only one source for the required product exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority’s Commissioners hereby authorize and approve the award to GV Oradell, LLC for riparian mitigation credits in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, as a sole source exception to procurement by public advertisement permitted by N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.2(d)(1) promulgated under the Authority’s enabling legislation, N.J.S.A. 27:23-1.

11-29-2023 Local 196-1 MOA

**Memorandum of Agreement
between the New Jersey Turnpike Authority
and IFPTE Local 196, Chapter 1**

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the “Authority”) and IFPTE Local 196, Chapter 1 (“Local 196-1”), having engaged in negotiations for an agreement to succeed the collective bargaining agreement that expired on June 30, 2023, hereby agree to the following terms to be incorporated into the successor collective bargaining agreement¹:

A. Sign Shop Standby List:

1. The Authority shall create a Sign Shop Standby List, effective January 1, 2024, which shall remain in effect for one calendar year. On the first day of each year, the Authority will open the Sign Shop Standby List for registration. In the event of a call-out, vacation or other need to fill a temporary role in the Sign Shop, the Authority may select an employee from the Sign Shop Standby List, in order of seniority, to fulfill the needs of the Authority. In the event of disciplinary actions adjudicated at the hearing officer level or higher, or agreed upon by way of settlement, unit members will be excluded from the Standby List for a period of one year, and may register for the Standby List in the registration period immediately following the one year anniversary of the final disciplinary action. The Sign Shop Standby List shall be utilized to fill temporary vacancies as a result of call-out, vacation, temporary leave, or otherwise. The Authority shall not have any obligation to offer permanent positions in the Sign Shop to members on the Standby List outside of the ordinary hiring process.

B. Pay Parity: The following titles shall be considered “Pay Parity Titles”:

<u>Pay Parity Title</u> (Local 194)	<u>Pay Parity Title</u> (Local 196, c. 12)	<u>Pay Parity Title</u> (Local 196, c. 1)
Automotive Technician	Craftsperson II Auto	Mechanic I

1. Effective July 1, 2023 (“Effective Date”), Pay Parity Titles in Local 196-1 shall have their salary scales upgraded in accordance with the adjustment received by the corresponding Pay Parity Titles (as set forth above), as applicable. The foregoing salary adjustments shall occur prior to the application of the ATB increases set forth in the Joint MOA.

2. On the Effective Date, the Authority shall adopt the current Salary Step Guide applicable to the Pay Parity Title in Local 196, c. 12 (the “Step Guide”), which shall replace the current Salary Step Guide for all Pay Parity Titles in Local 196-1.

- i. Current Employees: Current Local 196-1 employees in a Pay Parity Title shall move to the corresponding Step in the new Step Guide on the Effective Date. If there is no corresponding Step in the Step Guide, the employee shall move to the next highest step in the Step Guide.

¹ This agreement is subject to the provisions of the MOA Regarding Joint Issues between the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and Local Unions.

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- ii. New Employees: On the Effective Date, all newly hired employees or reclassified employees shall advance through the Step Guide in accordance with the Salary Step Guide as of the Effective Date.

3. The Pay Parity Titles shall be reviewed upon expiration of the successor collective bargaining agreement, or at any time a corresponding Pay Parity Title receives a salary adjustment, to ensure such titles remain in parity and shall have their salary scales adjusted when necessary to maintain parity.

C. Promotions & Hiring:

1. Traffic Control Supervisor ("TCS") Hiring: In the event a TCS position becomes available and the Authority is unable to fill the position internally from Local 193c, prior to opening the position to applicants from outside of the Authority, the Authority will first consider the application of any eligible employee within the MAP program. In making its decision, the Authority may consider all relevant factors, including but not limited employee's job skills, ability, and their past record of performance with the Authority, including the employee's discipline and attendance records.

Should the Union grieve the decision of the Authority, the hearing officer or arbitrator, as the case may be, is limited to determining solely whether the Authority, in selecting the candidate, acted arbitrarily or capriciously and the Unions shall bear the burden of proof as to the forgoing standards. If the arbitrator rules in favor of the employee, the employee shall receive hiring priority for the next available vacancy. Employees who are deemed unacceptable candidates will not be reconsidered for a period of six (6) months.

2. Landscape Titles: Those maintenance employees currently employed in a Landscape title shall bid first for an open Landscape position before it is opened up for bid to other titles on the roadway. Employees bidding on the position will be considered based upon all relevant factors, including but not limited to the employee's job skills, ability, and their past record of performance with the Authority, including the employee's discipline and attendance records.

Should the Union grieve the decision of the Authority, the hearing officer or arbitrator, as the case may be, is limited to determining solely whether the Authority, in selecting the candidate, acted arbitrarily or capriciously and the Unions shall bear the burden of proof as to the forgoing standards. If the arbitrator rules in favor of the employee, the employee shall receive hiring priority for the next available vacancy. Employees who are deemed unacceptable candidates will not be reconsidered for a period of six (6) months.

3. Full-time Maintenance Vacancies: Currently, when a Full-Time Maintenance position becomes available in the Bargaining Unit, the Authority gives preference

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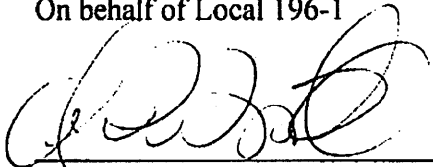
to Local 196-1 Full-Time Toll Collectors who have passed all required tests and have worked at least six months in the Full-Time Toll Collector position. If at any time, there are no eligible Toll Collectors, then management has the right to fill those vacancies.

Effective July 1, 2023, the Authority shall alternate the filling of full-time Maintenance vacancies, with the first vacancy filled by a Local 196-1 employee as per the current process, and the second vacancy filled by any qualified individual selected in the sole discretion of management.

With respect to the testing process for Maintenance positions, the Union shall have one (1) representative observe the testing process when the Authority offers an examination to a Local 196-1 employee. All test scores and results shall remain confidential. While all examination scores are final and not subject to appeal or challenge through the Grievance Procedure, within 30 days after the Authority communicates the examination score to the candidate, the Union may request a meeting with the supervisor in charge of the test and Human Resources to review the candidate's examination and obtain an understanding of the basis for how the score was calculated.

D. Term: The term of the successor agreement shall be July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

On behalf of Local 196-1

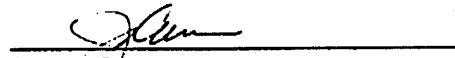


Sean McBride,
President

Dated:

11-29-2023

On behalf of the Turnpike Authority


James Carone,
Executive Director

Dated:

11/29/2023

**Memorandum of Agreement
between the New Jersey Turnpike Authority
and IFPTE Local 196, Ch. 12**

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") and IFPTE Local 196, Chapter 12 ("Local 196-12"), having engaged in negotiations for an agreement to succeed the collective bargaining agreement that expired on June 30, 2023, hereby agree to the following terms to be incorporated into the successor collective bargaining agreement¹:

A. Section VI - WAGES:

§7(d)(iii): Boot Allowance: Increase from \$200 to \$225.

§9: Annual Skill Adjustment: Increase from \$1,000 to \$1,200.00.

§10: Tool Allowance: Increase from \$150 to \$250, shall be payable on January 1 of each year and no receipts shall be required.

§11: Shift Differential: Increase from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

B. Section VII—WORK HOURS AND STAND BY TIME:

§2c: Increase "call in" pay from 2 hours to 4 hours.

§4: All members shall receive comp time, which shall be retroactive to January 1, 2021.

C. Section XI – SENIORITY:

Add the following language to Section XI:

"When promoting to first level management or first level supervisory positions in a title that would manage or supervise a position in Local 196, Chapter 12, the Authority will consider the most qualified individual from Local 196, Chapter 12 before consideration is given to candidates outside the bargaining unit."

D. Section XIII – UNION LEAVE

§5: Union Release Time: Increase from 32 hours to 48 hours.

¹ This agreement is subject to the provisions of the MOA Regarding Joint Issues between the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and Local Unions.

11-21-2023 Local 196, C. 12 MOA

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E. Section XXVIII – VEHICLE ASSIGNMENT

Effective upon execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Authority and the Union, all Automotive Craftspeople 2A shall be assigned a vehicle that they may take home and use for Authority business from October 15, 2023 through April 15, 2024. On or before April 15, 2024, the Authority may request to reopen negotiations to determine whether it is feasible and/or appropriate to continue the vehicle assignment based upon availability and parity with other titles performing similar functions in other bargaining units. If the Authority fails to request to reopen such negotiations on or before April 15, 2024, the vehicle assignment shall be permanent and year round.


F. MISCELLANEOUS:

- (a) The Authority agrees to continue discussions with the Union following negotiations to post an Auto Craftsperson 3 in the State Police Department.
- (b) Proposed Traffic Technician 2 Job Title: The Authority and the Union shall continue discussions at meeting with labor representative and management to determine the appropriate manner in which to proceed with respect to the Traffic Technician job title, which may include filling the vacant supervisor position or creating Traffic Technician 1 and 2 job titles. The Parties agree to complete by July 1, 2024.

G. TERM:

The term of the Agreement is extended from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027.

On behalf of Local 196-12


Steven Douglas,
President

Dated:

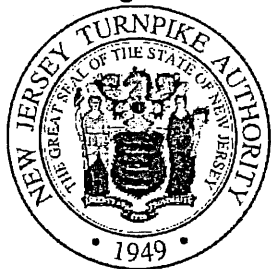
11/21/23

On behalf of the Turnpike Authority


James Carone,
Executive Director

Dated:

11/21/23



**Resolution of the
New Jersey Turnpike Authority**
*Chair Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
December 19, 2023*

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WHEREAS Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti was nominated to serve as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation by Governor Philip D. Murphy and has served admirably and to much acclaim in that role since January 2018; and

WHEREAS by virtue of that appointment, Ms. Gutierrez-Scaccetti became Chair of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Board of Commissioners, a post she has now held for six years; and

WHEREAS her appointment as Chair marked a homecoming as she had worked at the Turnpike Authority from 1989 to 2010, rising through the ranks from Contract Administrator to Executive Director and leaving an indelible mark on the agency before leaving New Jersey in 2011 to become Executive Director of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise; and

WHEREAS since her return to New Jersey, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti has worked tirelessly in the interest of the hundreds of thousands of drivers who rely on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway every day; and

WHEREAS under Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti's leadership, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority made a significant investment in the future by adopting an ambitious long-range capital program that advances the Authority's core values of mobility, resiliency, and sustainability; and

WHEREAS in addition to her many duties in New Jersey, Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti has been a national leader in the tolling industry, serving a term as President of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association; and

WHEREAS Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti will be resigning as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation and vacating the Chair on the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Board to devote herself full-time to service as Governor Murphy's Chief of Staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority do hereby recognize the many important contributions of Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, salute her compassion and willingness to lend a hand to those in need, express their thanks and appreciation for her bold and skillful leadership, and wish her great success as she embraces her new challenge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and a copy shall be presented to Chair Gutierrez-Scaccetti.

<hr/> Ulises E. Diaz Vice Chair	<hr/> Michael R. DuPont Treasurer	<hr/> Ronald Gravino Commissioner	<hr/> John D. Minella Commissioner
<hr/> Raphael Salermo Commissioner	<hr/> Francisco Maldonado-Ramirez Commissioner	<hr/> James D. Carone Executive Director	