

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing the Selection of Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter, a Legal Professional Association, for Hearing Officer Services, in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$ 551,250.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Section 5537-4-01, travelers on the Ohio Turnpike may contest liability for tolls, fees, fines or other administrative charges through a process during which a hearing officer of the Commission shall preside over the hearing, which shall occur at the Commission's principal office in Berea, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing, the registered owner of the vehicle may present evidence as to why the owner is not liable for the tolls, fees, or charges, and during which the hearing officer will determine if the registered owner is liable for the payment of the toll and issue a written decision; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2024, the Commission issued Request For Proposal ("RFP") No. 5-2024 to select a qualified consultant to provide hearing officer services for a period of three years, with two one-year options, exercisable by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission received three responses to the RFP on March 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the RFP, the Proposals were evaluated upon the numerical weighting set forth in Proposal Evaluation Scoring with the Technical Proposal weighing sixty percent (60%) of the total score and the Fee Proposal weighing forty percent (40%) of the total score; and

WHEREAS, the RFP responses were reviewed by a Committee consisting of members from the Commission's Customer Service, Internal Audit, and Legal departments and the Committee requested that all responders provide their final and best pricing proposals on May 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, based on the scoring, the Committee recommends engaging Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter, a Legal Professional Association, to provide the hearing officer services; and

WHEREAS, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter, a Legal Professional Association, quoted a blended hourly rate of \$245/hour; and based on industry average of hearings requested based on miles driven on the Turnpike, the Commission estimates 750 hearings per year, at an estimated cost of \$183,750 per year or \$551,250.00 for the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the selection of Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter, a Legal Professional Association at an estimated cost of \$183,750 per year or \$551,250.00 for the term of the contract; is approved.

(Resolution No. 70-2024 adopted May 20, 2024)