

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Ethernet Network Equipment

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 32-2003 adopted on July 21, 2003, the Ohio Turnpike Commission's executive director was authorized to participate in state contracts under the Department of Administrative Services ("DAS,") Office of State Purchasing Cooperative Purchasing Program, through which members may purchase supplies, services, equipment and other materials pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04; and

WHEREAS, a fee has been paid by the Ohio Turnpike Commission to DAS, and, as such, the Commission is a current member of the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's director of information systems has provided a report describing the efficiencies to be gained by the Commission choosing Cisco Systems, Inc., as its primary Ethernet Network Equipment provider; and

WHEREAS, the director of information systems is further recommending the purchase of Cisco Systems, Inc. equipment that will be added to the Commission's Ethernet Network which will improve both the Network's data storage capacity and also reduce "choke points" that result in slow file transfer rates and Network bottlenecks; and

WHEREAS, the director of information systems has further recommended that the Commission pursue two (2) purchases from TEC Communications, Inc. of Rocky River, Ohio (TEC), an authorized state-term distributor of Cisco Systems, Inc. products under the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program to resolve the aforementioned network issues; and

WHEREAS, the director of information systems has performed a thorough analysis and evaluation of the proposed equipment to be acquired from TEC Communications, and has determined that the proposed new equipment is compatible with the Commission's existing Ethernet Network and that TEC Communications' pricing is the most competitive; and

WHEREAS, the equipment recommended by the director of information system to alleviate the Commission's network data storage issues is known as "Network Attached Storage," which equipment's sole function is to provide the Commission with disk storage space on a large scale and is available from TEC via State Term Schedule 533110-3 in the estimated amount of \$138,638.97; and

WHEREAS, the equipment recommended by the director of information systems to help eliminate the aforementioned choke points, known as "Layer 3 Switching Devices", is also available from TEC via State Term Schedule 533110-3 in the estimated amount of \$76,926.30; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's director of contracts administration has reviewed the proposed equipment purchases and has advised the Commission that said purchases are in conformance with Commission Resolution No. 32-2003, the above-described purchases are available through the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program and the Commission may lawfully approve said acquisitions in the total estimated amount of **\$215,565.27** under the State Term Contract; and

WHEREAS, the executive director concurs with the recommendation to unify network equipment purchases under one (1) primary manufacturer/provider; and concurs with the recommendations of both the director of information systems and the director of contracts administration that the Commission approve the two (2) above-described equipment purchases via the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission's purchasing manager may proceed with the two (2) above-described equipment purchases in the total estimated amount of **\$215,565.27** via the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program under State Term Schedule 533110-3, and take any and all action necessary to properly carry out the terms of said Contracts.

(Resolution No. 46-2005 adopted November 14, 2005)