

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Apply for an Ohio Diesel Emission Reduction Grant, and to Enter into a Public Private Partnership Agreement with Stein, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Commission Maintenance Department staff has prepared and timely submitted an application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) to seek Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (“DERG”) funds available through the U.S. EPA, which funds are to be used for the purpose of reducing fuel consumption, operating vehicles on alternative fuel, and reducing fuel emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Engineer has recommended that the Commission participate in this program in order to improve overall fuel efficiency and reduce the fuel emissions of its existing snow and ice removal equipment, and to enhance the effectiveness of its roadway maintenance operations on a long-term basis; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that approval of the organization’s governing body must be provided in order for it to be considered; and

WHEREAS, the grant program also allows and encourages public agencies to sponsor private entities that wish to apply for DERG funds, and sponsoring such a private entity also enhances the Commission’s application because more emissions can thereby be reduced in more counties through the public private partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was approached by **Stein, Inc. of Broadview Heights, Ohio** (a company that is a primary contractor in steel making services, and whose finished products are used in road base, asphalt and concrete) to sponsor that firm’s application for DERG funds; and

WHEREAS, Commission staff verified that Ohio EPA staff are very receptive to such a public private partnership, and such agreement must be executed within thirty days of the grant application deadline; and

WHEREAS, Commission approval of both the grant application and the public private partnership agreement with Stein, Inc. are, therefore, recommended by the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the General Counsel has advised the Commission that, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.04, it may lawfully enter into an agreement to accept federal grant funds for, or in aid of, the maintenance and operation of the Ohio Turnpike, and further that the Commission may lawfully enter into a public private partnership agreement with Stein, Inc. for the purpose enhancing its application for the federal DERG funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and Commission staff are authorized to submit an application to the Ohio EPA to seek Diesel Emission Reduction Grant funds, which funds are to be used for the purpose of reducing fuel consumption, operating vehicles on alternative fuel, and reducing fuel emissions; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in furtherance of the application, the Executive Director and the General Counsel are authorized to enter into a public private partnership agreement with Stein, Inc. of Broadview Heights, Ohio; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall report to the Commission regarding the results of the grant application and, in the event the Commission’s application is approved, the General Counsel shall review the proposed grant agreement, and the Commission will be requested to authorize any agreement with the Ohio EPA to accept Diesel Emission Reduction Grant funds.

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