

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-020
(REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN
CONTRACT AWARD)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the areawide water quality management planning agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has been engaged in developing a Regional Strategic Plan, which will give guidance to the region moving forward and also identify the role that NOACA can best play in assisting the region to that end; and

WHEREAS, the skills of a professional consulting firm are needed to manage this large, complex, and multi-faceted planning process, which will include the Governing Board, the region's elected officials, the public, the business community, the transportation and environmental stakeholders, and many other important interests; and

WHEREAS, NOACA, through its FY2014 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget, has set aside funding for a consulting firm to assist with the regional strategic planning process; and

WHEREAS, NOACA's procurement policy requires that these consulting services be obtained through a competitive process following all applicable federal, state, and local policies and regulations, which was accomplished through a Request for Proposals issued on April 11, 2013, with proposals received on June 3, 2013, of which the firm of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. was the best proposal received, with clearly outstanding skills and experience in the subject matter and a not-to-exceed price of \$109,231.00; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee recommends the approval of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of forty-four principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:

Section 1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for services with the firm of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$109,231.00, as approved in the FY2014 OWP.

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Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 14th day of June 2013.

Secretary: Daniel P. Troy
Date Signed: 6/14/13