## GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

## **RESOLUTION NO. 13-13**

WHEREAS, the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("NET RMA") was created pursuant to the request of Gregg and Smith Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.1, et seq. (the "RMA Rules"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NET RMA has been constituted in accordance with the Transportation Code and the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the initial formation of the NET RMA the Counties of Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Bowie, Cass, Panola, Van Zandt, Wood and Titus joined the Authority and are represented on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA Board of Directors previously recognized the importance of procuring general engineering consultant services and, effective May 2, 2006, the NET RMA executed an agreement with PBS&J, now known as Atkins North America, Inc., for the provision of general consulting civil engineering services ("2006 Agreement"), the original term of which expired on May 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 10-20, adopted November 16, 2010, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the 2006 Agreement extending the term of the 2006 Agreement for an additional two (2) years, such that the 2006 Agreement is now set to expire on May 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the NET RMA has a new contract for general engineering consultant services in place upon the expiration of the 2006 Agreement, the Board of Directors, in Resolution 12-29, dated November 6, 2012, authorized the NET RMA Interim Executive Director to initiate the process of procuring general engineering consultant services by causing to be developed and issued a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") to solicit responses from firms interested in providing such services to the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ was issued and three (3) total responses were received by the NET RMA on or before the submittal deadline; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee, comprised of the Interim Executive Director, a member of the NET RMA Board of Directors, and an outside consultant, evaluated all of the responses received utilizing the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFQ and subsequently developed a shortlist of two (2) responders to be interviewed for further evaluation; and

accordance with the pre-established evaluation criteria and developed a recommendation for the entities to be selected to provide general engineering consultant services to the NET RMA; and WHEREAS, the Interim Executive Director, pursuant to the evaluation conducted by the evaluation committee, recommends that an agreement for general engineering consultant services be negotiated and executed with each of the following: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the NET RMA hereby adopts the recommendation of the Interim Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement for general engineering consultant services with and , respectively; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Interim Executive Director to negotiate, finalize, and execute the respective agreements on the terms and conditions acceptable to the Interim Executive Director and consistent with this Resolution, the NET RMA's Policies and Procedures for the Procurement of Goods and Services, the RFQ, and the responses to the RFQ received from and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 26th day of March, 2013. Submitted and reviewed by: Approved: C. Brian Cassidy Linda Ryan Thomas General Counsel for the North East

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WHEREAS, the evaluation committee conducted interviews with each of the responders in

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