

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-31

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 counsel services and, on March 7, 2006, authorized the issuance of a request for qualifications ("RFQ") from firms interested in serving as the general counsel to the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2006, the NET RMA Board of Directors approved the selection of Locke Liddell & Sapp, LLP, which subsequently merged to become Locke Lord, LLP ("Locke Lord"), to serve as the general counsel to the NET RMA and authorized the Chairman to execute an agreement with Locke Lord for the provision of general counsel services (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the original term of the Agreement with Locke Lord expired in June 2011; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 10-21, adopted November 16, 2010, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Agreement extending the term of the Agreement for an additional two (2) years, such that the Agreement is now set to expire in June 2013; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the NET RMA has a new contract for general counsel services in place upon the expiration of the Agreement, the Board of Directors desires that the NET RMA Project Director initiate the process of procuring general counsel services by causing to be drafted and issued an RFQ to solicit responses from firms interested in providing such services to the NET RMA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the NET RMA hereby authorizes the NET RMA Project Director to cause to be developed and issued an RFQ for general counsel services; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Project Director shall implement a process to review the RFQ responses and develop a recommendation for the Board of Directors as to the best qualified firm to provide general counsel services to the Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no contract for general counsel services shall be executed without the prior approval of the NET RMA Board of Directors.

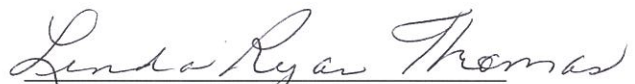
Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 6th day of November, 2012.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:



C. Brian Cassidy
General Counsel for the North East
Texas Regional Mobility Authority



Linda Ryan Thomas
Chair, Board of Directors
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