

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-215

AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, SERVICE DELIVERY DIVISION, MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PROGRAM OFFICE FOR THE USE OF A TOWER SITE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE AUTHORITY'S NEW RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS WITH FOUR (4) FIVE-YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to lease a tower site owned by the State of Ohio in order to support the Authority's new radio communications system; and

WHEREAS, this lease will be for a period of five (5) years commencing on or about January 1, 2007 to accommodate occupancy and obtainment of required permits; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has identified the State of Ohio tower site located at 194 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio, as a tower that will provide the necessary coverage for the Authority's service area; and

WHEREAS, negotiations were conducted between the Authority and the State of Ohio, acting by and through the Office of Information Technology, Service Delivery Division; Multi-Agency Radio Communications System Program Office; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager deems acceptance of the lease agreement with the State of Ohio as negotiated, to be in the best interest of the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the lease agreement with the State of Ohio, as negotiated, be and the same is hereby accepted as in the best interest of the Authority.

Section 2. That as part of said lease, the Authority shall retain options with the State of Ohio for four (4) additional terms of five (5) years each for tower and ground space at the Brunswick tower location.

Section 3. That the General Manager of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a lease with the State of Ohio for the provision of tower and ground space at the Brunswick tower location and to exercise the provided for options.

Section 4. That the usual cost of said lease, under its terms, will be waived by the State of Ohio in exchange for the Authority's membership and participation in the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: November 21, 2006



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: The purpose of the Radio Tower Lease is to facilitate the installation of RTA's radio antennas on that tower. These antennas will improve the 900 MHz radio coverage, which is inadequate with the original existing towers.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The two radio towers (at Schaaf Road and in Beachwood) do not provide sufficient radio coverage. The radio antennas on this Brunswick tower will improve the coverage on the west side of Cuyahoga County. There will be 3 new antennas on that tower. The radio system vendor, Siemens, will pay for two of the three antennas/cables/installations, while RTA will pay for the third one. Siemens will also pay for required infrastructure equipment.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: The tower is owned by the State of Ohio, MARCS Multi Agency Radio Communication System. The lease will be \$0.00/year for 5 years, with the option for 4 renewal terms, for a total of 25 years. This lease includes the use of MARCS' shelter, generator, and electricity.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does Not Apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does Not Apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Annual fee: \$0.00/year.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: The Brunswick MARCS tower is well situated to improve 900 MHz coverage. While there might be other existing towers that could provide a similar improvement, the terms of the lease are more favorable than current agreements that RTA has for the use of other radio towers. Selection of another tower would significantly delay completing this project, as it would be necessary to request the location change from the FCC with no guarantee of approval because of a freeze on 900 MHz licenses at this time.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This agreement was reviewed by the Operations Committee at their November 14, 2006 meeting and recommended for approval by the Board of Trustees. Staff recommends authorization for the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to enter into this agreement.

9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.



CEO/ General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer