



TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 28-23

AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT
TO SECURE FEDERAL ADVOCACY SERVICES OF SMITH, DAWSON & ANDREWS

WHEREAS, it is vital to the Authority's financial outlook to improve the standing of TARTA with federal lawmakers and staff of the Administration and Congress to secure federal funds and advocate for transit-friendly public policy; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides over \$550 billion over fiscal years 2022 through 2026 in transportation infrastructure including public transportation and is increasing formula and competitive grants to historic levels of funding; and

WHEREAS, TARTA depends upon and seeks federal funding for preventative maintenance, transitioning to a Zero Emissions Bus fleet, and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, given the historic opportunities for federal funding and importance of being engaged with federal policy and requirements, TARTA budgeted for Federal Advocacy Services in its 2023 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, TARTA issued a Request For Qualifications in March of 2023 for Federal Advocacy Services; and

WHEREAS, upon evaluation of various responses, Smith, Dawson and Andrews was determined to be the most qualified option to meet the federal advocacy and government relations needs of TARTA; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, is authorized to execute securing the services of Smith, Dawson and Andrews for a one year contract with the option for two additional one year renewals for a total to not exceed three years.

SECTION 2. The Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, is authorized to execute the contract for an amount not to exceed ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) per contract year.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED: May 18th, 2023

President

ATTEST:

Secretary-Treasurer