# **Background**

Article VII, Section 715 of the Trust Indenture of The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") requires the Tollway to obtain insurance coverage for the protection of Tollway property and personnel, as well as from bodily injury and property damage claims of others. Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code and CMS's procurement rules, the Tollway issued a Request for Proposals (RFP# 11-0017) to procure commercial general liability, business auto liability and excess liability insurance policies. The Tollway received one proposal in response to the RFP. That proposal was from USI-Midwest, the insurance broker who submitted a proposal that included quotations from six different insurance carriers that combine to provide the layers of insurance protection requested in the RFP.

After scoring the response to the Request for Proposal, the selection committee of the Tollway determined it is in the best interest of the Tollway to recommend acceptance of the offers of the six insurance companies, placed through USI-Midwest, in order to maintain the required insurance protection for Tollway operations. The proposal included a primary layer of insurance from The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania with coverage of \$20 million per occurrence subject to a \$250,000 self-insured retention. Excess over this layer is the following layers in order of protection: \$25 million layer of coverage from Star Indemnity & Liability Co., \$25 million from Arch Insurance Co., \$25 million from Great American Assurance Co., \$25 million from AXIS Specialty Insurance Co., \$20 million from RSUI Indemnity Co., and \$10 million from Starr Indemnity & Liability Co., for a total excess insurance of \$130 million per occurrence and in aggregate. The amounts of coverage provided by the layers of insurance from the six insurance carriers have been certified as necessary and adequate by the Consulting Engineers to the Tollway.

# Resolution

The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania is approved to provide General Liability and Automobile Liability coverage for the period June 1, 2011 to June 1, 2012, with a primary layer limit of \$20,000,000 per occurrence for General Liability bodily injury and property damage, and \$20,000,000 per occurrence for

Automobile Liability, subject to a retention of \$250,000 per occurrence for each insured occurrence and including terrorism coverage.

USI-Midwest has secured offers from the aforementioned insurance carriers to provide layers of excess liability coverage for the period of June 1, 2011 to June 1, 2012 for a combined limit of \$130,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate in excess of the \$20 million per occurrence of primary coverage.

All stated policies, related coverages and the Broker service fee will be secured for total premiums and fees not to exceed \$933,935 including any applicable surplus tax; and such liability coverage is approved with all coverage obtained and paid through USI-Midwest.

The Chairman or the Executive Director is authorized, subject to the approval of the General Counsel, to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said coverage; and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved: Sand Closes

# **Background**

Pursuant to the competitive solicitation Request for Proposals #08-0150 ("RFP") and Board Resolution #No. 18613 approved on January 29, 2009, the Tollway entered into agreements with A.C. Advisory, Inc., First Southwest Company, Columbia Capital Management, LLC, Public Financial Management, Inc., and Scott Balice Strategies LLC (the "Financial Advisors") for the purpose of providing financial advisory services to assist the Tollway in connection with existing capital debt, new bond issues, and other financing initiatives (the "Agreements"). The Agreements were entered into on varying dates in February, 2009 for an initial term ending on December 31, 2010, which term was renewed for the period January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 as approved by Board Resolution #No. 19259.

The Agreements are for amounts not to exceed cumulative compensation of \$150,000 per Financial Advisor. The Agreements include a *Schedule of Compensation for Financial Advisory Services* that specifies compensation for financial advisory services provided in connection with new bond issuance, bond restructuring, new interest rate hedge agreement issuance, interest rate hedge agreement restructuring, and interest rate hedge agreement GASB 53 compliance.

It is necessary and desirable for the Tollway to retain one or more financial advisory firms to provide general financial advisory services for which compensation is not specified in the *Schedule of Compensation for Financial Advisory Services*, including financial advisory services related to the establishment of criteria for refunding synthetic fixed rate debt and the compilation of the Tollway's long-term capital plan.

# Resolution

The Chief of Finance is authorized to amend, subject to review and approval of the General Counsel, the *Schedule of Compensation for Financial Advisory Services* contained in one or more of the Agreement(s) by adding "General Financial Advisory Services" under the column heading "Assignment" and a corresponding entry under the column heading "Compensation" in an amount to be specified as a dollar amount per month for a term that does not exceed December

31, 2011, provided that for each Agreement so amended, such dollar amount per month does not exceed \$7,500 and such dollar amount per month for the term entered into will not cause compensation earned under that Agreement to exceed the existing cumulative compensation limit of \$150,000 per Financial Advisor.

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Approved by:		
	Chair	

# **Background**

It is necessary and in the best interest of The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (the "Tollway") to exercise the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Year Renewal Option on Contract 06-0040 with IGOR, The Watchdog Corporation (IGOR), for Transponder Packaging, Distribution and Back-end Support for I-PASS Retail Program in the renewal amount of \$1,067,500, increasing the total contract amount from \$5,337,500 to 6,405,000.

# Resolution

Renewal of Contract No. 06-0040 for a one-year period until May 31, 2012 is approved in the amount of \$1,067,500, increasing the total contract amount from \$5,337,500 to 6,405,000; the Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute necessary documents in connection therewith, subject to the approval of the General Counsel; and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") seeks to procure two (2) Cargo Vans with Aerial Lifts through Central Management Services ("CMS") master contract with Landmark Ford, Incorporated (Contract No. 11-0123). These goods and services are being obtained through CMS pursuant to Section 1.1040 of CMS's procurement rules and CMS's procurement authority under the Illinois Procurement Code.

# Resolution

Contract No. 11-0123 is approved in an amount not to exceed \$99,360; the Chief of Procurement is authorized to issue the necessary purchase orders and contract purchase orders and execute necessary documents in connection therewith; and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") seeks to procure four (4) Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Servers through Central Management Services ("CMS") master contract with Hewlett-Packard Company (Contract No. 11-0143). These goods and services are being obtained through CMS pursuant to Section 1.1040 of CMS's procurement rules and CMS's procurement authority under the Illinois Procurement Code.

# Resolution

Contract No. 11-0143 is approved in an amount not to exceed \$39,707.40; the Chief of Procurement is authorized to issue the necessary purchase orders and contract purchase orders and execute necessary documents in connection therewith; and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") has previously purchased Nucor Steel High Tension 3-Strand Cable System from John Thomas, Incorporated (Contract No. 10-0067). It is in the best interest of the Tollway, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract, to issue a Change Order to increase the upper dollar limit of said contract by \$40,000 for the purchase of additional Nucor Steel High Tension 3-Strand Cable System.

# Resolution

A Change Order increasing the upper limit of compensation of Contract No. 10-0067 by \$40,000, from \$111,000 to \$151,000, for the purchase of additional Nucor Steel High Tension 3-Strand Cable System is approved. The Chief of Procurement is authorized to issue the necessary purchase orders and contract purchase orders and execute necessary documents in connection therewith and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") seeks to procure a Web-Based Plan Room for Construction Contracts and System-Wide On-Call Printing Services. Pursuant to the Tollway Request for Proposals ("RFP") No. 11-0010, which proposals were evaluated by a selection committee, the Tollway has determined that Accurate Repro, Incorporated is the best qualified to provide the Web-Based Plan Room for Construction Contracts and System-Wide On-Call Printing Services, for an upper limit of compensation not to exceed \$143,250.

# Resolution

The proposal of Accurate Repro, Incorporated to provide the Web-Based Plan Room for Construction Contracts and System-Wide On-Call Printing Services is accepted, subject to the Chief of Engineering and the General Counsel negotiating an agreement for such services, with an upper limit of compensation not to exceed \$143,250, for the period May 29, 2011 through May 28, 2014; the Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute said agreement; and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") has previously procured the Employee Assistance Program with Perspectives, Ltd. (Contract No. 07-0063). It is in the best interest of the Tollway, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract, to issue a Change Order to increase the upper dollar limit of said contract by \$45,250 for the continued Employee Assistance Program through June 30, 2012.

# Resolution

A Change Order increasing the upper limit of compensation of Contract No. 07-0063 by \$45,250, from \$180,036 to \$225,286, for the continued Employee Assistance Program through June 30, 2012 is approved. The Chief of Procurement is authorized to issue the necessary purchase orders and contract purchase orders and execute necessary documents in connection therewith and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 19383**

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") seeks to procure Building Automation Maintenance. Precision Control System of Chicago is the sole economically feasible sole source (Contract No. 11-0078) to provide the service, for the period June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. The Tollway is authorized to procure the Building Automation Maintenance pursuant to Section 30 ILCS 500/20-25 of the Illinois Procurement Code, which requires this form of procurement to be published at least two weeks prior entering into a sole source contract. This item was previously presented for public hearing and, with no objections having been noted, was approved by the Chief Procurement Officer.

# Resolution

Contract No. 11-0078 is approved in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012 for the Building Automation Maintenance; the Chief of Procurement is authorized to issue the necessary purchase orders and contract purchase orders and execute all necessary documents in connection therewith; and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

## **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") advertised for sealed bids on Contract No. RR-09-5591 for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Milepost 1.2 (Chicago Road) to Milepost 24.2 (I-55 Ramps), and Tri-State Tollway (I-94) Milepost 20.3 (Everett Road). The lowest responsible bidder on Contract No. RR-09-5591 is F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Assoc., LLC in the amount of \$1,568,531.80.

## Resolution

Contract No. RR-09-5591 is awarded to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Assoc., LLC in the amount of \$1,568,531.80, subject to all required approvals, the contractor satisfying DBE, financial and all other contract award requirements and execution of all contract documents by the bidder and the Tollway.

The Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute the aforementioned Contract, subject to the approval of the General Counsel and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

If the bidder fails to satisfy the contract award requirements, the Executive Director is authorized to approve an award to the next lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with the applicable contract award requirements.

Approved by: Marke Close

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") advertised for sealed bids on Contract No. RR-08-5569 for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Milepost 40.8 (I-90). The lowest responsible bidder on Contract No. RR-08-5569 is Lorig Construction Company in the amount of \$13,120,362.65.

# Resolution

Contract No. RR-08-5569 is awarded to Lorig Construction Company in the amount of \$13,120,362.65, subject to all required approvals, the contractor satisfying DBE, financial and all other contract award requirements and execution of all contract documents by the bidder and the Tollway.

The Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute the aforementioned Contract, subject to the approval of the General Counsel and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

If the bidder fails to satisfy the contract award requirements, the Executive Director is authorized to approve an award to the next lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with the applicable contract award requirements.

Approved by: Sask Mask

## **Background**

It is necessary and in the best interest of The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") to obtain Construction Management for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Milepost 40.8 (I-90), Contract No. RR-08-5569. Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. has submitted a proposal to provide the services for an upper limit of compensation not to exceed \$2,077,270.50. The proposal is for professional services and the services were procured pursuant to 30 ILCS 500/30-15 of the Illinois Procurement Code.

## Resolution

The Chief Engineer is authorized to negotiate an agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. to provide Construction Management on Contract No. RR-08-5569, with an upper limit of compensation not to exceed \$2,077,270.50, subject to review and approval of the General Counsel. The Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute the Agreement and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

It is necessary and in the best interest of The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") to obtain Design Services for Roadway Widening and Reconstruction on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Milepost 113.6 (IL Route 56) to Milepost 114.3 (Deerpath Road), Contract No. I-11-5624. TranSystems Corporation has submitted a proposal to provide the services for an upper limit of compensation not to exceed \$890,381.30. The proposal is for professional services and the services were procured pursuant to 30 ILCS 500/30-15 of the Illinois Procurement Code.

## Resolution

The Chief Engineer is authorized to negotiate an agreement with TranSystems Corporation to provide Design Services on Contract No. I-11-5624, with an upper limit of compensation not to exceed \$890,381.30, subject to review and approval of the General Counsel. The Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute the Agreement and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

## **Background**

The Illinois State Toll way Authority ("Tollway") pursuant to Resolution No. 16703 approved January 27, 2005, Resolution No. 17189 approved March 30, 2006, Resolution No. 17774 approved June 28, 2007, Resolution No. 18048 approved December 20, 2007, Resolution No. 18446 approved September 20, 2008, and Resolution No. 19269 approved November 18, 2010, entered into an Agreement and Supplemental Agreements for Contract No. I-0-5451 with Teng & Associates, Inc. for Design Services for Reconstruction and Lane Addition on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) Milepost 117.7 (Aurora Plaza 61) to Milepost 115.5 (Orchard Road).

Teng & Associates, Inc. has submitted a proposal to provide Supplemental Design Services for Reconstruction and Lane Addition on Contract I-05-5451, increasing the upper limit of compensation by \$146,720 from \$9,036,873.60 to \$9,183,593.60. It is necessary and in the best interest of the Tollway to accept the proposal from Teng & Associates, Inc. for supplemental Design Services.

# Resolution

The Chief Engineer is authorized to negotiate a Supplemental Agreement with Teng & Associates, Inc. consistent with the aforementioned proposal, subject to the approval of the General Counsel; the Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute said Agreement; and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway"), pursuant to Resolution No.19015 approved February 25, 2010, entered into Contract No. RR-08-5571 with Herlihy Mid-Continent Company for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Milepost 9.76 (Rexford Avenue) to Milepost 10.31 (Midlothian Turnpike) and Milepost 31.1 (I-88 Tri-Level Bridge) to Milepost 31.4 (CC&P RR). All work required in the Contract has been completed in an acceptable manner.

# Resolution

Full release of retainage in the amount of \$10,000 on Contract No. RR-08-5571 is approved and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue and deliver to the Chief Engineer a warrant in payment thereof.

Approved by: Saule Chair

## **Background**

Pursuant to Board Resolution No. 19353, at its February, 2011 meeting, the Tollway Board of Directors approved a resolution in the amount of \$85,000 to reimburse the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for costs associated with its relocation of a Tollway owned Dynamic Message Sign "DMS". The DMS is located on IDOT property along I-94. The Board approved the expenditure of the actual relocation expenses, which were represented to total approximately \$85,000.

Subsequent to the passage of the above referenced Board Resolution, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation put its underlying construction project out for bid, including the above referenced relocation of the Tollway DMS. The actual bid to relocate the Tollway DMS is \$186,002.84 for construction costs and an estimated \$27,900.42 (15% of construction costs) for construction engineering. Therefore, the total estimated cost is \$213,903.26. This matter is being brought back to the Board to amend Resolution No. 19353 to reflect the actual cost of the required relocation.

# Resolution

Resolution No. 19353 is hereby amended to reflect the increased estimated costs of the work contemplated in the above referenced Intergovernmental Agreement and the Chief of Finance or his designee is authorized to issue warrants from time to time in payment for the actual costs of the construction and associated engineering services, estimated to total \$213,903.26.

Approved by: Saule Clog

# **Background**

It is in the best interest of the Tollway and the New Lenox Fire Protection District ("District") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") outlining their respective responsibilities for an Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption System ("EVP"). As part of its construction of the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) Extension extending the North-South Tollway from I-55 to I-80, at the request of the District the Tollway installed an EVP at intersections within the District's boundaries. As a result of this IGA, the Tollway will be reimbursed \$16,451.00 by the District for the costs associated with the installation of the EVP.

# Resolution

The General Counsel and the Chief of Finance are hereby authorized to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement with New Lenox Fire Protection District in substantially the form of the agreement attached to this Resolution, and the Chairman or the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Approved by: Shair

# **Background**

It is in the best interest of The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to enter into an Extended License Agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to allow the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority access over Illinois Department of Natural Resources property to maintain its Veterans Memorial Tollway (I355) overpass over the Des Plaines River Valley for a one-time fee of \$9,000.

# Resolution

The Chief Engineer and the General Counsel are authorized to negotiate and prepare an Intergovernmental Agreement between The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in substantially the form of the Intergovernmental Agreement attached to this Resolution, the Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute said agreement, and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants of payment thereof.

Approved by:

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# Background

The Tollway and the Village of Mettawa are interested in installing approximately 40 evergreen trees near the west side of the I-94 southbound entrance Ramp D. It is in the best interest of both parties to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement outlining their respective responsibilities with respect to the installation of the trees.

## Resolution

The General Counsel and the Chief of Finance are hereby authorized to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Mettawa in substantially the form of the agreement attached to this Resolution, and the Chairman or the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Intergovernmental Addendum Agreement.

Approved by:

## **Background**

The Tollway and the Village of Green Oaks, Illinois (hereinafter referred to as "Village") executed an Intergovernmental Agreement on April 24, 2008. Pursuant to the terms of the Intergovernmental agreement, at the request of the Village, the Tollway increased the height and length of two separate sound walls near I-94 and the Equestrian Oaks and Brookhaven subdivisions. The Village agreed to contribute \$642,266.85 toward the costs of the enhanced sound walls.

Similarly, pursuant to a May 12, 2009 Intergovernmental Agreement, the Tollway agreed to financially contribute toward a noise wall constructed by the Village on I-94 near the Forest Cove subdivision. The cost to the Tollway for its share of the sound wall is \$364,000.00.

Instead of exchanging checks for the full amount of the monies due, the Village will deduct the Tollway's share of the amount owed for the Forest Cove sound wall from the amounts the Village owes the Tollway for the sound walls constructed near the Equestrian Oaks and Brookhaven subdivisions. After the set-off, the Village will make a payment to the Tollway in the amount of \$278,266.85 (\$642,266.85 - \$364,000.00).

# Resolution

The General Counsel and the Chief of Finance are hereby authorized to negotiate an Intergovernmental Addendum Agreement with the Village of Green Oaks, Illinois in substantially the form of the agreement attached to this Resolution, and the Chairman or the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Intergovernmental Addendum Agreement.

Approved by: Chair

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") has negotiated a proposed settlement regarding a worker's compensation claim with Dragoljub Adamovic in the amount of \$67,542.05. It is in the best interest of the Tollway to go forward with the settlement.

# **Resolution**

The settlement of Dragoljub Adamovic's workers compensation claim is approved. The General Counsel is authorized to finalize the settlement agreement consistent with the terms presented to the Board, the Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute the final settlement agreement, the General Counsel is authorized to execute any and all other documents necessary to effectuate this settlement and resolve all adjunct legal matters, and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") has negotiated a proposed settlement regarding a worker's compensation claim within the amount of \$122,461. It is in the best interest of the Tollway to go forward with the settlement.

## Resolution

The settlement of Anthony Kudra's workers compensation claims is approved. The General Counsel is authorized to finalize the settlement agreement consistent with the terms presented to the Board, the Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute the final settlement agreement, the General Counsel is authorized to execute any and all other documents necessary to effectuate this settlement and resolve all adjunct legal matters, and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

The Tollway's liability carrier, Chartis has requested authority in the amount of \$60,000 to settle an underinsured motorist claim made by Tollway maintenance worker Randal Jacobson, who was injured in a collision with a customer's vehicle. Chartis believes that the plaintiff's demand of \$125,000 against the Tollway's underinsured coverage is excessive but considers the claim to be worth \$60,000. If the matter cannot be settled for \$60,000 Chartis will have to submit the matter to arbitration on behalf of the Tollway, as is provided for under the policy.

# Resolution

The grant of settlement authority to Chartis in the amount of \$60,000 is approved. If the matter is settled, the General Counsel is authorized to finalize the settlement agreement in conjunction with Chartis, for the Tollway to pay \$60,000 to Mr. Randal Jacobson and his attorney, Monico, Pavich and Spevack; the Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute the Agreement and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ("Tollway") has negotiated a proposed global settlement of the litigation commonly known as *ISTHA v. LaSalle National Bank, Virginia Ferrell, et al.* in Will County Circuit Court, Case Number 06L23 pertaining to ISTHA Parcel NS-705-019 in the amount of \$1,910,000, which amount is to be offset by the Tollway's Preliminary Just Compensation payment of \$600,000 on or about December 1, 2006. This Settlement and the payment of the balance is in the best interest of the Tollway.

# **Resolution**

The settlement resolving all claims relating to the case known as *ISTHA v. LaSalle National Bank, Virginia Ferrell, et al.* in Will County Circuit Court, Case Number 06L23 pertaining to ISTHA Parcel NS-705-019 in a final just compensation amount of \$1,910,000 (net payment of \$1,310,000) is approved. The General Counsel is authorized to finalize the settlement agreement consistent with the terms presented to the Board, the Chair or the Executive Director is authorized to execute the final settlement agreement, the General Counsel is authorized to execute any and all other documents necessary to effectuate this settlement and resolve all adjunct legal matters, and the Chief of Finance is authorized to issue warrants in payment thereof.

Approved by:

# **Background**

On December 16, 2010 via Resolution No. 19308 the Board adopted VES Payment and Settlement Guidelines. These Guidelines are set to expire on May 1, 2011.

# Resolution

The attached VES Payment and Settlement Guidelines are extended as amended until July 1, 2014.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_