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**MICHIGAN STATE  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

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**RESOLUTION 2017-2**

**PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO MDOT CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

**AND**

**RECISSION OF RESOLUTION 2011-2**

WHEREAS, the State Administrative Board ("Board") exercises general supervisory control over the functions and activities of all administrative departments, boards, commissioners, and officers of this State, and of all State institutions pursuant to Section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3;

WHEREAS, the Board may adopt rules governing its procedures and providing for the general conduct of its business and affairs pursuant to Section 2, of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.2;

WHEREAS, exercising its power to adopt rules, the Board adopted Resolution 2011-2 on August 30, 2011, establishing a \$500,000 or more threshold for Board approval of the Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT") Professional Engineering Consultant Contracts and Construction Contracts and increasing the threshold for Board approval for Service Contracts to \$250,000 or more for initial contracts and \$125,000 or more for an amendment to a Service Contract;

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Resolution 2017-1, raising the threshold for Board approval of contracts for materials and services to \$500,000 or more for the initial contract and \$500,000 or more for contract amendments, and rescinding Resolution 2011-1;

WHEREAS, MDOT is a party to a considerable number of contracts, the majority of which are funded via grants administered by federal agencies including the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration, which oversee MDOT's administration of such contracts and amendments thereto;

WHEREAS, MDOT has implemented internal procedures to assure the proper expenditure of state and federal funds and is subject to financial and performance audits by the Office of Commission Audits pursuant to 1982 PA 438, MCL 247.667a;

WHEREAS, MDOT is a party to a significant number of contracts which by their nature involve substantial consideration and often require amendments

arising out of changes in scope, differing field conditions and design errors and omissions;

WHEREAS, delays in the approval of amendments to contracts can result in: postponement of payments to subcontractors and suppliers; work slowdowns and stoppages; delays in the completion of projects; exposure to additional costs; and exposure to litigation arising out of contractor claims; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the Board's duty to promote the efficiency of State Government, the Board resolves as follows:

1. Resolution 2011-2 is rescinded.
2. A contract for professional design, engineering or consulting services requiring MDOT prequalification in connection with the construction or physical improvement of a street, road, highway, bridge, transit or rail system, airport or other structure congruous with transportation ("Professional Engineering Consultant Contract") or a contract for the construction or physical improvement of a street, road, highway, bridge, transit or rail system, airport or other structure congruous with transportation ("Construction Contract") must be approved by the Board prior to execution by MDOT if the amount of the contract is \$500,000 or more. MDOT may obtain approval of the solicitation of a Professional Engineering Consultant Contract or a Construction Contract which, based on the estimate prepared by an engineer employed by the State of Michigan, is estimated to be \$500,000 or more. A contract arising out of such solicitation must be approved by the Board prior to execution by MDOT if the amount of the contract exceeds 110% of the State engineer's estimate.
3. An amendment to a Professional Engineering Consultant Contract or a Construction Contract must be approved by the Board prior to execution by MDOT if the amount of the amendment and the sum of all previous amendments exceed 10% of the original contract, except that an amendment to a Professional Engineering Consultant Contract or a Construction Contract need not be approved by the Board if: a) approved in accordance with applicable federal law or procedure by a representative of a federal agency contributing funds to the project that is the subject of the contract; or b) approved in accordance with MDOT's internal procedures provided the procedures include approval by at least one MDOT employee who has managerial responsibility and is neither the project manager nor directly involved in the administration of the project.
4. A contract for services not requiring MDOT prequalification ("Service Contract") in the amount of \$500,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to execution by MDOT. A Service Contract does not include a Professional Engineering Consultant Contract or a Construction Contract.

5. An amendment to a Service Contract must be approved by the Board prior to execution by MDOT if the amount of the amendment and the sum of all previous amendments total \$500,000 or more. Thereafter, an amendment to a Service Contract must be approved by the Board if the amount of the amendment and the sum of all amendments executed after the most recent Board approval total \$500,000 or more.

6. A contract involving the conveyance of any real property interest under the jurisdiction of MDOT must be approved by the Board prior to execution by MDOT if the fair market value of the interest is \$500,000 or more. Fair market value must be determined in accordance with procedures approved by the State Transportation Commission.

7. MDOT may enter in to a contract with a sub-recipient without approval of the Board if: a) the purpose of the contract is to provide federal or state matching funds for a project; b) MDOT has been authorized by an agency administering any federal funds to award them to the sub-recipient; and c) the sub-recipient has agreed to fully reimburse the State in the event the sub-recipient does not use the funds in accordance with the purpose of the funding. A sub-recipient includes, but is not limited to, a local unit of government, a governmental authority, a private non-profit entity, a railroad or rail service provider.

8. MDOT may enter in to a cost participation contract with a local unit of government without approval of the Board if: a) the contract involves the construction or physical improvement of a street, road, highway, bridge or other structure congruous with transportation; b) the construction or improvement is funded by federal, state or local funds; and c) the contract is approved by each entity providing funds or in accordance with applicable law.

9. MDOT may enter in to a contract in connection with the award of a grant including state matching funds, to a local unit of government, a governmental authority, a private non-profit entity, a railroad or a rail service provider, without approval of the Board if the contract provides that the recipient will fully reimburse the State in the event grant funds are not used in accordance with the terms of the grant.

10. MDOT may enter in to a contract with an airport sponsor without approval of the Board if the contract has been approved by the Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

11. MDOT may enter in to a contract or award a grant without approval of the Board in situations where emergency action is required. For all emergency contracts or grants of \$250,000 or more, MDOT must transmit to the Board a

written report setting forth the nature of the emergency and the key terms of the contract or grant within 30 days of executing the contract or awarding the grant.

12. Notwithstanding any provisions of this resolution, the Board may require MDOT to report the status of any project and may require MDOT to obtain Board approval of any contract, grant or any amendment to a contract.

This Resolution is effective April 25, 2017.