

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-14

WHEREAS, the North East 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 June 6, 2006, 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 Resolution 12-31, dated November 6, 2012, the Board of Directors authorized the NET RMA Interim Executive Director to initiate the process of procuring general counsel services by causing to be developed and issued a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") to solicit responses from firms interested in providing such services to the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ was issued and two (2) total responses were received by the NET RMA on or before the submittal deadline; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee, comprised of the Interim Executive Director, a member of the NET RMA Board of Directors, and an outside consultant, evaluated each of the responses received utilizing the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFQ and subsequently developed a recommendation for the firm to be selected to provide general counsel services to the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Executive Director, pursuant to the evaluation conducted by the evaluation committee, recommends that an agreement for the provision of general counsel services be negotiated and executed with Locke Lord LLP.

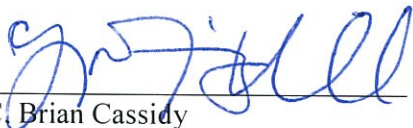
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the NET RMA hereby adopts the recommendation of the Interim Executive Director to negotiate and finalize an agreement for the provision of general counsel services with lockelord; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Interim Executive Director to negotiate, finalize, and execute the agreement with lockelord on the terms and conditions acceptable to the Interim Executive Director and consistent with this Resolution, the NET RMA Policies and Procedures for the Procurement of Goods and Services, the RFQ, and the response to the RFQ received from lockelord

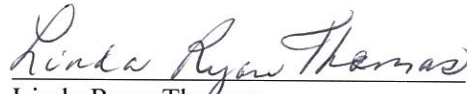
Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 26th day of March, 2013.

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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Date Passed: 3/26/13