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Re: Disposal of Personal Property to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

To the Above Addressees:

Pursuant to section 2897, subdivision (6)(d)(i)(A) of the Public Authorities Law, enclosed herewith, relative to the above-captioned matter, is an Explanatory Statement of Circumstances of Disposal by Negotiation. At its meeting held on March 29, 2021 the Authority Board authorized the transfer of the Property to NYSDEC.

Please contact me at (518) 436-2820 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Howard
Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF DISPOSAL BY NEGOTIATION OF MARINE MONITORING EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE GOVERNOR MARIO M. CUOMO BRIDGE TO NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (“NYSDEC”)

Introduction:

Public Authorities Law section 2897, subdivision (6)(d)(i)(A) requires that an explanatory statement be prepared of the circumstances of each disposal by negotiation by a public authority of “any personal property which has an estimated fair market value in excess of fifteen thousand dollars.”

1. Description of the parties involved in the property transaction: New York State Thruway Authority and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

2. Justification for disposing of property by negotiation: This is a less than fair market value transfer, the transferee is a government or other public entity, and the terms and conditions of the transfer require that the ownership and use of the asset will remain with the government or any other public entity. The Authority has no current or foreseeable future need for the Property. Transfer to NYSDEC for less than fair market value will promote cost-efficient continued environmental stewardship by NYSDEC. NYSDEC anticipates reusing the water quality loggers and sondes to identify existing and emerging threats, inform aquatic species and habitat management, guide climate resilience planning, and assess the efficacy of mitigation and restoration activities. NYSDEC also plans to reuse Vemco VR-2W receivers, sync tags, Lotek receiver and hydrophones, and Biomark PIT tag readers to assess population dynamics of Striped Bass, and Endangered Shortnose and Atlantic Sturgeon species. This will allow the State to make informed decisions when striving to maintain reproducing sturgeon and bass populations.

3. Identification of property, including its location: Marine monitoring equipment, located at Thruway Authority offices, including the following:

Water quality loggers and sondes

- 1) Levellogger water temperature/depth/conductivity loggers (quantity: 10 units),
- 2) miniDOT dissolved oxygen loggers (quantity: 6 units),
- 3) HOBO conductivity loggers (quantity: 6 units),
- 4) YSI EXO2 water quality sondes (quantity: 2 units)

Sturgeon acoustic telemetry transmitters, receivers, and accessories

- 5) Vemco acoustic telemetry receivers (quantity: 20 units),
- 6) Vemco acoustic telemetry transmitters (sync tags, quantity: 18 units),
- 7) Lotek acoustic mobile telemetry tracking hydrophones (quantity: 2 units) and receiver box (quantity: 1 unit),
- 8) InterOcean acoustic release devices (quantity: 3 units) and command box (quantity: 1 unit), and
- 9) Biomark Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tag reader (quantity: 3 units).

4. Estimated fair market value of the property: \$66,524.88

5. Proposed sale price of the property: \$1

6. Size of the property: Please refer to Item 3

7. Expected date of sale of property: 2nd Quarter of 2021