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RESOLUTION NO. 23-012

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE LEASE FOR SPACE ON THE ROOF AND 53rd FLOOR
OF PLACE ST. CHARLES [201 ST. CHARLES AVENUE] FOR RTA RADIO ANTENNAS AND
ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT WITH THE COMPANY,
201 PLACE ST. CHARLES, LLC OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

Introduced by Commissioner Coulon, seconded
by Commissioner Neal.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) has considered the matter of renewing the lease for space on the roof and 53rd floor of Place St. Charles (201 St. Charles Avenue) for radio antennas and associated communication equipment with the company, 201 Place St. Charles, LLC of New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, RTA staff has determined that the roof of Place St. Charles provides the most comprehensive radio signal coverage available in the metropolitan New Orleans area; and

WHEREAS, the cost to relocate the radio antennas and equipment would be in excess of One hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000), and this factor, along with the previously mentioned radio signal coverage, requires the issuance of a sole source lease; and

WHEREAS, the current three (3) year lease [“Fourth Amendment to Space and Rooftop

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Lease”] expires on March 31, 2023, and a new lease [“Fifth Amendment to Space and Rooftop Lease”] is required to house and operate this essential radio equipment; and

WHEREAS, the lease shall be for a three (3) year period with one (1) three (3) year renewal option; and

WHEREAS, RTA staff also determined that 201 Place St. Charles, LLC is a responsible company and all terms and conditions contained in the current lease are considered fair and reasonable and therefore proceeding with the renewal of the lease is in the best interest of the RTA; and

WHEREAS, funding for the lease is through the RTA operating account 1420099.9751.012; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Commissioners that the leased space at Place St. Charles is essential in providing an efficient and effective radio communication system that will assist staff in facilitating metropolitan New Orleans with optimal transit services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority that the Chairman of the Board, or his designee, is authorized to execute a lease with 201 Place St. Charles, LLC for space on the roof and 53rd floor of Place St. Charles for radio antennas and associated communication equipment at the following monthly amount:

April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024	\$10,020.75
April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025	\$10,221.16
April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026	\$10,425.58

for a total three year cost of Three hundred sixty-eight thousand and nine dollars and 24/100 cents (\$368,009.24), with the lease to contain one (1) three year renewal option.

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THE FOREGOING WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE
ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:	<u>7</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 28th DAY OF February 2023.



MARK RAYMOND, JR.
CHAIRMAN
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS