

9020. RESOLUTION 04-18 – RELATING TO THE PRELIMINARY AUTHORIZATION OF A PROJECT WITH ROWAN UNIVERSITY. The Executive Director presented the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) was created as a body politic and an agency of government of the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey, by virtue of Chapters 145 and 146, Volume 53, Laws of Delaware, approved by the Governor of the State of Delaware July 21, 1961, and Chapter 66 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1961 of the State of New Jersey, approved by the Governor of the State of New Jersey June 3, 1961 (said Chapters 145 and 146 and said Chapter 66 issuing material being hereinafter sometimes collectively called the “Original Enabling Legislation”), pursuant to which the State of Delaware and the and the State of New Jersey entered, subject to the consent of the Congress of the United States of America, into a compact (hereinafter sometimes called the “Original Compact”) creating the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Congress of the United States of America was given to the States of Delaware and New Jersey to enter into the Original Compact by a Joint Resolution of the Congress, approved September 20, 1962 (Public Law 87-678, 87th Congress); and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Chapter 252, Volume 67, Laws of Delaware, approved by the Governor of the State of Delaware June 28, 1990, and Chapter 192 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1989 of the State of New Jersey, approved by the Governor of the State of New Jersey October 18, 1989 (said Chapter 252 and said Chapter 192, together with the Original Enabling Legislation being hereinafter sometimes collectively called the “Enabling Legislation”), the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey entered, subject to the consent of the Congress of the United States of America, into certain amendments to the Original Compact (as so amended and as may be further amended from time to time hereinafter sometimes called the “Compact”); and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Congress of the United States of America was given to the State of Delaware and New Jersey to enter into the Compact by a Joint Resolution of the Congress, approved November 15, 1990 (Public Law 101-565, 101st Congress); and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Compact and the Enabling Legislation, the Authority’s powers include authorization to plan, finance, develop, construct, purchase, lease, maintain, improve and operate: (i) crossings between the States of Delaware and New Jersey, (ii) transportation or terminal facilities in Delaware and the New Jersey counties of Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem and (iii) commerce facilities or development in Delaware and in the New Jersey counties of Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem; and

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Technology Park of Rowan University has submitted to the Authority a project that includes the development of a 50,000 square foot building known as the Innovation Center, which building is part of Phase I of the Technology Park and is estimated to cost approximately \$5,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined preliminarily that it has the power to participate in this project under the powers granted to it under the Compact and that such project would help fulfill the Authority’s mission.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, by the adoption of this Resolution, is indicating its intention to authorize certain action be undertaken in connection with the negotiation and finalization of terms and conditions and the drafting of agreements for the above described project in accordance with requirements of the Authority's Compact, appropriate State Statutes, Federal requirements related to fair and reasonable tolls and applicable Authority Resolutions and policy guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and/or his designee shall develop appropriate agreements for the development of an Innovation Center, as part of the South Jersey Technology Park at Rowan University, which shall be considered projects of the Authority as defined pursuant to Article II of the Compact. Upon the completion of appropriate agreements for the above-stated projects, the Executive Director and/or his designee shall present said Agreements to the Board of Commissioners for their approval and execution after review and advice of Counsel.

Vice Chairman Wallace stated that this Project will have a major impact to South Jersey and thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Resolution 04-18 was moved by Commissioner Pessagno, seconded by Commissioner Koebig and unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 11-0.