RESOLUTION NO. 2012-16

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT WITH MARTIN ASSOCIATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A STUDY OF COMBINED ASSETS RELATING TO INLAND PORT OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority ("Port Authority") has identified in its 2014 Strategic Plan an increase in inland port operations as one of its five critical objectives; and

WHEREAS, in order to further that objective the Port Authority must determine potential cargo markets and identify the requirements needed to support and grow inland port operations; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority has been in negotiations with Martin Associates for the purpose of conducting a study of current and potential inland port assets and the market for increased capacity that will include: conducting an economic impact study of the Port of Cincinnati jurisdiction; assessing the marine cargo and logistics markets; profiling the current river traffic; identification of potential cargo/logistics markets; development of a targeted marketing program for cargo; assessing the potential to develop an inland port/logistic center; assessing commercial industrial markets; and identification of infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Martin Associates contract is on file with the Secretary of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Associates study will assist the Port Authority in the development of a broader strategic plan that further defines and enhances the Port Authority's role in improving the existing combination of transportation assets that makes the Cincinnati region an attractive distribution hub, consolidation point and destination for imported and exported goods; and

WHEREAS, without the Port Authority's involvement, the capacity of the inland port will remain stagnant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority:

- Section 1. This Board hereby authorizes the President of the Port Authority to enter into a contract with Martin Associates for the proper purposes set forth above.
- Section 2. The amount of the contract authorized in Section 1 shall not exceed \$175,000.00, which may be disbursed in phases.
- Section 3. The President of the Port Authority is hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary to execute the contract authorized by Section 1 and achieve successful completion of the project scope of work.

- Section 4. The Board hereby determines that the contract authorized in Section 1 is for the purposes of enhancing transportation and promoting economic development, is in the best interest of the Port Authority and is consistent with the requirements of Chapter 4582 of the Revised Code and the Ohio Constitution.
- Section 5. The Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were held in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

Adopted: <u>December 12, 2012</u>	
Yeas:	Jacob AN SHE
	Chairperson
Nays:	
Abstention:	Attest: Aurah Ourner
	Secretary