

## **Johnson County Gateway Phase 2 Design Build Project Hits a Milestone**

**Step 1 is done!** The Johnson County Gateway: I-435/I-35/K-10 Interchange Phase 2 Design-Build Project Team has completed step one of the two-step procurement process for KDOT's first major design-build (D-B) project. In late March, KDOT released its Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and prospective design-build teams submitted their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) on April 17. KDOT reviewed and evaluated the SOQs based on the design-build team's organizational structure and key personnel who would be assigned to the project, experience delivering other similar type projects and past performance of the firms on each team. KDOT then shortlisted the most highly qualified design-build teams. The shortlisted teams are now eligible to move into step two of the procurement process and respond to the Request for Proposals (RFP).

The most highly qualified shortlisted teams in alphabetical order are:

- **Ames Construction**
  - Ames Construction, Inc.
  - Parsons Transportation Group
  - TranSystems Corporation
  - Wilson & Company, Inc.
  - Ideker, Inc.
  
- **Gateway Interchange Constructors**
  - Clarkson Construction Company
  - Kiewit Infrastructure Co.
  - HDR Engineering, Inc.
  - George Butler Associates, Inc.
  
- **Westport Route Constructors**
  - Granite Construction Company
  - Fred Weber, Inc.
  - CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc.
  - HW Lochner, Inc.

**Step 2 is starting.** The Draft RFP was released on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 to the shortlisted teams. KDOT held a day-long procurement kick-off and technical meeting to walk the teams through the RFP and highlight important elements of the project. During the summer, KDOT will work with the individual design-build teams through confidential

one-on-one meetings as they prepare their proposals. The RFP includes the requirements the design-build teams must follow in order to achieve KDOT's goals for the project. Once the proposals are submitted, KDOT will select the most highly qualified team to design and construct the project. Key dates through the selection process include:

- Release of the Final RFP on Friday, June 28, 2013
- Release of the Final RFP with Addenda on Monday, October 21, 2013 (the Addenda are any clarifications or changes to the RFP)
- Proposals are due on Monday, December 2, 2013
- Design-Build team selection is on Friday, January 10, 2014.

Burt Morey, project manager for KDOT's first major design-build transportation project, was pleased with the SOQ submittals. "We have highly qualified design-build teams proposing on this project and we look forward to learning more about their approach to the project in the coming months," he said. "Design-build streamlines project delivery, allowing early collaboration between the contractor and the designer. This early collaboration can result in project innovations, faster project delivery and more predictable costs."

Along with announcing the shortlist, KDOT has revamped the existing project website, [www.jocogateway.com](http://www.jocogateway.com) with enhanced features and better mobile device compatibility. "The website will be an essential location for information as we move into construction in the summer of 2014. We want to have a site that provides up-to-date information and is easy to use," said Morey.

The I-435/I-35/K-10 Interchange is one of the most congested interchanges in the state; improvements are needed so commuters and commercial traffic can continue to safely and efficiently travel through the area.

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