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KDOT Announces Shortlist for JOCO Gateway Design-Build Project

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) announced the shortlist of the most highly qualified design-build teams to pursue the Johnson County Gateway: I-435/I-35/K-10 Interchange Phase 2 Design-Build Project. As one of the most congested interchanges in the state, improvements are needed to ensure commuters and commercial traffic can continue to safely and efficiently travel through the area.

The three 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.

The design-build teams were evaluated on their qualifications including organizational structure and key personnel assigned to the project, experience on similar projects, and past performance of the firms on each team. KDOT reviewed and
evaluated the submitted Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) to determine the most highly qualified teams.

KDOT is using a two-step process to select a design-build team. Step 1: KDOT released the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. They reviewed and evaluated the SOQs received and shortlisted the most highly qualified teams. Step 2: KDOT will release a Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to the shortlisted teams on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. Proposals are due from the shortlisted teams on Monday, December 2, 2013. KDOT will score proposals from shortlisted teams and select a winning team 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 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.

For more information on the design-build process or the Johnson County Gateway Project, please contact Burt Morey at (913) 764-4525 or bmorey@ksdot.org. Additional project background can be found on the project website: www.jocogateway.com. (KDOT Project #435-46 KA-1002-04)

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