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KDOT Selects Design-Build Team for JOCO Gateway Project

Congestion relief for the Johnson County Gateway: I-435/I-35/K-10 Interchange is one step closer today as the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has selected **Gateway Interchange Constructors (GIC)** to complete the Phase 2 Design-Build portion of the Gateway Project. In 2010, as part the T-WORKS Transportation Program, KDOT identified the Johnson County Gateway: I-435/I-35/K-10 Interchange Phase 2 Project as the state's first major Design-Build Project in order to accelerate the delivery of these important improvements.

GIC is a joint venture led by Kansas City, Mo. based Clarkson Construction Company. They are partnered with Kiewit Infrastructure Co. who has national design-build experience on large scale interchange projects such as T-REX in Denver, Colo., a \$1.28 billion multimodal design-build project to improve 17 miles of I-25 and I-225. Clarkson and Kiewit worked together to successfully complete the kclCON Design-Build Project, Missouri Department of Transportation's first design-build project in the Kansas City metro area. Clarkson has completed several major construction projects for KDOT in the Kansas City metro area including the I-435 and U.S. 69 Interchange and the I-635 and I-70 Interchange reconstruction. Additional key members of the team include local design firms HDR Engineering, Inc. and George Butler Associates, Inc.

Selection was based on how well the proposals met the core values KDOT outlined in the procurement process. The two scored elements for the project included:

- How much of the interchange improvements can be constructed within the project budget, (the overall scope of the project).
- How well travel delays can be minimized during construction.

“KDOT received three quality proposals making the evaluation and selection process exciting and challenging,” said KDOT Project Director Burt Morey.

GIC received the highest score of the three proposing teams. “GIC exceeded our expectations with the improvements they are able to build and the time it will take them to do it,” said Morey. “Their approach will allow us to improve many of the existing issues drivers see today.”

Design-build is an alternative project delivery tool that streamlines the process through a single contract between KDOT and the design-build team. “Combining the skills of designers and contractors at a project’s onset allow for positive collaboration, which can result in faster project delivery, more efficient use of materials and lower labor costs,” explained Morey.

The three teams who submitted proposals, 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 budget for Phase 2 of the Johnson County Gateway is \$288 million, which includes a \$3 million schedule incentive GIC accepted to accelerate the construction by seven months to complete work by **December 31, 2016**. The budget includes T-WORKS construction funding, additional funding from the cities of Lenexa and Olathe, and funding for design and engineering work.

KDOT will spend the next few weeks compiling the contract for GIC. “We anticipate construction starting in late spring 2014. In the coming weeks and months we will be making presentations to business and civic groups around the area and will hold a public open house this spring to rollout the construction schedule and potential traffic impacts. All the latest information can also be found on the project website, www.jocogateway.com, as it becomes available,” said Morey.

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

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