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**KABATA shortlisted three international consortiums for the Knik Arm Crossing**

*Formal RFP process planned for release in 2012, with construction in 2013*

Anchorage—Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA) announced the short-listing of the following consortiums for the Knik Arm Crossing project (in alphabetical order):

- Alaska Infrastructure Access Partners
- Cook Inlet Passage Partners
- North Star Mobility Group

Six qualified development teams submitted statements of qualifications. A comprehensive evaluation process narrowed the competition to the short-listed teams. These three consortiums will have the opportunity to respond to the formal Request for Proposals which is planned for release in 2012.

“The process becomes very competitive from here on out,” said Michael Foster, KABATA Board Chairman. He added “we expect to see some top notch proposals.”

In addition to launching the procurement process, the project has reached a number of significant milestones, including a National Marine Fisheries Service biological opinion of “No Jeopardy” for the endangered Cook Inlet beluga whales and a “build” Record of Decision from the Federal Highway Administration, which is a review and approval of the project’s Environmental Impact Statement. KABATA has also begun the project’s Right of Way acquisition process and submitted the project’s key permit applications.

“The competition between these highly qualified development firms will bring private sector innovation and ensure the best value to the State,” said Andrew Niemiec, KABATA Executive Director.

The detailed Request for Proposals (RFP) process will result in firm commitments and will require a significant investment of time and resources by the competing firms. The short list creates the balance between the investment that the developer makes in preparing the proposal and the public’s interest in a healthy competition. KABATA anticipates starting the formal RFP process in 2012, with construction beginning in 2013.

The Knik Arm Crossing will create a second route from Anchorage, Alaska’s most populous city to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the state’s fastest growing region. Construction is expected to create thousands of jobs and spur economic development, resulting in thousands of additional, permanent jobs. The crossing will lower transportation costs to Alaska’s Interior, saving fuel and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

**Alaska Infrastructure Access Partners**

Infrared Capital Partners Limited  
Bouygues TP  
Colaska Inc. dba QAP  
Weeks Marine, Inc.  
URS Alaska, LLC  
Moffatt & Nichol, Inc.  
USKH, Inc.  
R&M Consultants, Inc.  
Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc.

**Cook Inlet Passage Partners**

Meridiam USA III, LLC  
Meridiam Infrastructure North America Corporation  
Meridiam Infrastructure North America Fund II AIV, LP  
Meridiam Infrastructure North America Fund II, LP  
Meridiam Infrastructure North America Fund II (Domestic), LP  
Kiewit Development Company  
Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.  
Manson Construction Co.  
VMS Inc. dba Transfield Services North America, Transportation Infrastructure  
Parsons Transportation Group Inc.  
Golder Associates Inc.  
Dowl HKM  
Dan Brown and Associates, PLLC  
BMT Fleet Technologies  
KPMG Corporate Finance LLC

**North Star Mobility Group**

HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions North America, Inc.  
HOCHTIEF Aktiengesellschaft  
ACS Infrastructure Development, Inc.  
ACS Servicios y Concesiones, S.L.  
Iridium Concesiones de Infraestructuras, S.A.  
Flatiron Constructors, Inc.  
Dragados USA, Inc.  
Dragados SA  
Traylor Bros., Inc.  
HNTB Corporation  
CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc.  
Alaska Interstate Construction LLC  
Arcadis  
Kodiak Map  
Hart Crowser  
Earth Mechanics  
Bittner-Shen  
Denali Drilling  
Gregg Drilling

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