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CONSTRUCTION BIDS OPENED FOR THE MONROE/CONNECTOR BYPASS
The Low Bid was \$97 Million Below Engineers' Estimate

RALEIGH — The N.C. Turnpike Authority today opened bids for the Monroe Connector/Bypass. While all bids came in below engineers' estimate, the low bid was \$367.7 million from a joint venture of United Infrastructure Group Inc., Boggs Paving Inc. and Anderson Columbia Company Inc., teamed with lead design firm Rummel, Klepper & Kahl LLP. Upon successful toll financing and permitting scheduled to be completed by mid-December, the contract will be awarded and the project will begin construction.

Three design-build teams made technical presentations about their plans earlier this week, each earning a technical score that is taken into account in selecting the winning contractor. While most projects are awarded to the lowest bidder, design-build contracts are awarded based on a two-stage evaluation process that includes short-listing contractors and evaluating proposed designs. A team of engineers from a variety of disciplines assigns a technical score to each proposal. Both the actual bid from each short-listed contractor and the technical score are taken into account when awarding the project. The adjusted bid is used to determine the team with the best value proposal, but the contract award will be for the actual bid amount. The engineers' project cost estimate was \$465.2 million.

The Quality Scores, Actual Bid Amount and Adjusted Price for the teams follow:

Joint venture of Flatiron Constructors, Inc. and Zachry Construction Corp., teamed with lead design firm AECOM Technical Services of North Carolina, Inc.

Quality Score= 93.7 Actual Bid=\$424,397,878 Adjusted=340,575,053.12

Joint venture of Granite Construction Co. and Blythe Construction, Inc., teamed with lead design firm STV/Ralph Whitehead Associates, Inc.

Quality Score=84.2 Actual Bid=\$402,114,574 Adjusted=\$354,520,293.06

Joint venture of United Infrastructure Group, Inc., Boggs Paving, Inc. and Anderson Columbia Company, Inc., teamed with lead design firm Rummel, Klepper & Kahl LLP.

Quality Score=89.4 Actual Bid=\$367,700,000 Adjusted=\$308,257,618

The 19.7-mile Monroe Connector/Bypass toll road is set to open to traffic in December 2014. It will be the state's second toll road. The project will use an all-electronic toll collection system, eliminating stopping at toll booths. Instead, motorists can set up a pre-paid account and install a transponder device in their vehicle that will automatically debit their account for usage of the road. If a motorist does not have a transponder, cameras will capture a picture of the license plate and the motorist will be sent a bill in the mail.