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NTTA WELCOMES 2014 ROAD PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
Two-Year Partnership Seeks to Drive Growth of Diversity Firms

PLANO, Texas – Jan. 15, 2014 – The North Texas Tollway Authority introduced its third Relationships and Opportunities Advancing Diversity (ROAD) program participants this morning at its monthly board meeting. This year’s ROAD program has a total of 15 teams – more than twice the number of the 2010 pilot program.

The ROAD program provides opportunities for new and emerging disadvantaged minority/woman-owned business enterprises (D/M/WBE) to partner with established firms in a mentor/protégé program designed to enhance technical and industry knowledge to better compete for procurement opportunities at the NTTA and similar regional entities.

“The ROAD program is solidly supported by the NTTA board,” said NTTA Board Director “Tex” Quesada. “We will closely monitor these teams to help them build notable business connections and partnerships within the North Texas community.”

Professional representatives from mentor firms will work directly with the protégé firm that develop plans to build capacity. Mentors will share major aspects of business relevant to the protégés’ firm and provide full access to resources and training in agreed upon areas that may include business development, technical and managerial proficiency, human resource development, management strategies, marketing, and project management.

One consultant that previously participated in the ROAD program as a protégé will now serve as a mentor, the ideal path of a ROAD program participant. Another ROAD program participant bid and was selected as the NTTA’s major maintenance consultant in 2012, after previously serving as a sub-contractor - a direct result of the NTTA Business Diversity Department’s outreach efforts.

The following teams will make up the two-year ROAD program:

AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	ARS Engineers, Inc.
Atkins Inc.	Solaray Engineering, Inc.
Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc.	Bowman Engineering & Consulting
CDM Smith	Iconic Consultant Group
Freese and Nichols	VRX, Inc.
Chicago Bridge & Infrastructure	Pegasus Construction
HDR Engineering, Inc.	SE3, LLC
HNTB Corporation	Multatech Engineering, Inc.

Kellogg Brown & Root Services, Inc.	CAS Consulting & Services, Inc.
Locke Lord / Taylor Law Firm	Willis Law Group
Brown & Gay	Mas-Tek Engineering & Associates, Inc.
EJES, Inc.	Design Consulting Engineers
Bridgefarmer & Associates	White Hawk Engineering and Design
Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.	Aguirre Roden, Inc.
Mario Sinacola & Sons	LEMCO Construction Services, L.P.

For more information about the NTTA’s business diversity program, visit NTTA.org.

About the NTTA

The North Texas Tollway Authority, a political subdivision of the state of Texas, is authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, repair and operate turnpike projects in the north Texas region. The [nine-member board](#) is comprised of Chairman Kenneth Barr; Vice Chairman Bill Moore; and Directors William D. Elliott, Matrice Ellis-Kirk, Mojoy Haddad, Gary Kloepper, Michael Nowels, George “Tex” Quesada and Jane Willard.

The NTTA serves Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties and owns and operates the Dallas North Tollway, President George Bush Turnpike, Sam Rayburn Tollway, Addison Airport Toll Tunnel, Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge and the Mountain Creek Lake Bridge. The NTTA is able to raise capital for construction projects through the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds. NTTA toll projects are not a part of the state highway system and receive no direct tax funding. Tolls are collected to repay debt and to operate and maintain the roadways.

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