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## NTTA INTRODUCES NEWEST DIVERSITY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Mentoring Partnership Seeks to Grow Under-Represented Firms

**PLANO, Texas – March 20, 2024 –** The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) introduced its 2024-26 Relationships and Opportunities Advancing Diversity (ROAD) program participants at its Wednesday board meeting. The ROAD program drives opportunities for new and emerging disadvantaged/minority-owned/woman-owned business enterprises (D/M/WBEs) to partner with established firms in a mentor-protégé-style program.

"The ROAD program seeks to grow disadvantaged firms' ability to compete for future business at NTTA and similar regional entities," said NTTA Board Chairman Marcus Knight. "We have seen many strong and fruitful relationships forged over the past 16 years of the program."



NTTA Board of Directors with members of NTTA's 2024-26 ROAD program class

This is NTTA's eighth class since the program's inception. Since 2008, 85 teams have completed the program. Several consultants that participated as proteges previously have gone on to "pay it forward" by becoming mentors in later classes, the ideal growth path of a ROAD program participant.

Several of the prime contractors below have participated in the ROAD program since its inception.

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| 2024-2026 ROAD PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS |                                       |
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| PRIME CONTRACTORS                   | CONSULTANTS                           |
| AtkinsRéalis, Inc.                  | Sambatek, LLC                         |
| Bartlett & West, Inc.               | Primera Engineers, Ltd.               |
| CDM Smith, Inc.                     | Program Controls, Inc.                |
| EJES Incorporated                   | ACO Associates, Inc.                  |
| Foster CM Group, Inc.               | TexTerra Engineering                  |
| GEI Consultants, Inc.               | PMG Project Management Group, LLC     |
| HDR Engineering, Inc.               | Cascade Civil Services, LLC           |
| HNTB Corporation                    | Laguna Media Group                    |
| LJA Engineering, Inc.               | TJ Hunter Engineering, Inc.           |
| H.W. Lochner, Inc.                  | Chickenango Marketing Solutions, Inc. |
| Locke Lord LLP                      | Anozie, LLP                           |
| Michael Baker International. Inc.   | Wesson Construction Services, LLC     |
| Numbers Only, Inc.                  | Ojasam LLC                            |
| Technologent                        | Risun Solutions, Inc.                 |

| VRX, Inc. | Para Consulting Services, LLC |
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For more information about NTTA diversity programs, visit NTTA.org.

## About NTTA

<u>The North Texas Tollway Authority</u>, a political subdivision of the state of Texas, is authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, repair and operate turnpike projects across the North Texas region. The <u>board of</u> <u>directors</u> is comprised of Chairman Marcus Knight; Vice Chairman Mojy Haddad; and Directors Derek V. Baker, Lynn Gravley, Pete Kamp, Scott Levine, John Mahalik, George "Tex" Quesada and Glen Whitley.

NTTA is composed of member counties Dallas, Denton, Collin and Tarrant. It also serves Ellis and Johnson counties. NTTA owns and operates the Dallas North Tollway, President George Bush Turnpike, Sam Rayburn Tollway, Addison Airport Toll Tunnel, Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge, Mountain Creek Lake Bridge, Chisholm Trail Parkway, and 360 Tollway. NTTA toll projects are not a part of the state highway system and receive no legislative appropriations. Tolls are collected to repay debt and to operate and maintain the roadways.

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