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## **CAMERON COUNTY RMA ACCEPTS CDA PROPOSALS**

The Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) today received proposals from interested firms (developers) looking to partner with the CCRMA to develop its short-term, mid-term, and long-term transportation and infrastructure improvements program. On October 29, 2010, the RMA issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking interest from qualified proposers (developers). In this two-step process this particular RFQ calls for a team with the proven ability to develop, design, construct, finance, and potentially operate and maintain the SH 550 project and also provide pre-development services for an additional five toll projects through a comprehensive development agreement also known as a public– private partnership.

The first step by way of this RFQ calls for a short list of qualified proposers based on their experience and background, financial strength and resources, and their conceptual approach to the development of the program. Once this review is completed and the RMA develops a short list of proposals then a request for detailed proposals (RFDP) for those short listed will be issued.

This CCRMA development program is being proposed to provide much needed mobility improvements for the movement of people and goods in the Cameron County area. The goal of this program is to add improvements to further support economic growth in our region. Among the projects included in the Program are portions of State Highway 550, the U.S. 77 Relief Routes at Driscoll and Riviera, West Parkway, Outer Parkway, South Padre Island (SPI) 2<sup>nd</sup> Access, and the 281 Connector. The cost of the projects identified in this RFQ and for this program is estimated to cost approximately \$1.1 billion dollars.

David Alex, Chairman of the CCRMA stated, “ today’s action signals a monumental achievement for South Texas and inches us one step closer to our mission of improving our infrastructure today rather than many years from now as we work on ways to create a sustainable economic environment that our younger generations can prosper from for many years to come. We look forward to continuing this CDA process in 2011.”

Developers submitting proposals today were the firms of Cintra Infraestructuras, S.A. and Rio Grande Highway Developers, LLC an affiliate of Zachry Construction Corporation.

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