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### **FDOT RECEIVES STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE I-4 ULTIMATE PROJECT IN ORANGE AND SEMINOLE COUNTIES**

**Tallahassee**— The effort to reconstruct Interstate 4 in the metro Orlando area continues to move forward. In the latest step, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) today announces it has accepted seven Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) in response to a March 8, 2013, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the I-4 Ultimate project. The seven proposers are seeking the contract to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the project known as the I-4 Ultimate through a Public-Private Partnership Concession Agreement.

The project includes the reconstruction of 21 miles of I-4 from west of Kirkman Road in Orange County to east of State Road 434 in Seminole County. The I-4 Ultimate project adds four tolled express lanes to I-4 while maintaining the existing free general use lanes, providing a choice to motorists.

SOQ's were received from the following Proposer Teams (in order as they were received):

1. 4wardPartners
2. I-4 Development Partners LLC
3. Ultimate Mobility Partners
4. I-4 Mobility Partners
5. I-4 Ultimate Mobility Partners
6. I-4 Ultimate Expressway Partners
7. 4ward Express ProposerCo, LLC

A more detailed list of each proposer team may be found at: <http://www.moving-4-ward.com/about-the-project/documentspresentations/#procurement>

During the next month and a half, FDOT will be reviewing the SOQ's received. The next step is the short-listing of at least three, and perhaps as many as four, proposers who will have the opportunity to submit their individual proposals in early 2014. A final selection is expected in the spring of 2014. The successful proposer must have a proven ability to arrange and close financing on favorable terms, as well as demonstrated skill in managing and operating limited access roads on behalf of public sector owners.

To review the RFQ in which the proposer's responded to and eventually see the short-listed proposers, please see the following official FDOT District 5 Procurement website:

- [www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict5/PublicPrivatePartnership/PublicPrivatePartnership.shtm](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict5/PublicPrivatePartnership/PublicPrivatePartnership.shtm)

The I-4 Ultimate website [www.moving-4-ward.com](http://www.moving-4-ward.com) contains other information and documents related to this project.

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