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**FDOT ANNOUNCES SHORT-LIST TEAMS FOR THE I-4 ULTIMATE PROJECT
*PROJECT COVERS 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 is announcing a shortlist of four proposer teams 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 shortlist is based on Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) received April 19, 2013. There were seven proposers who submitted SOQ's.

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.

The following four proposer teams were short-listed:

- 4wardPartners
- I-4 Development Partners LLC
- I-4 Mobility Partners
- Ultimate Mobility Partners

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 10-to-12 months, FDOT will be communicating with these teams, providing the project scope or Request for Proposals (RFP), and other contract documents to those teams. In early 2014, the shortlisted teams will submit their proposals, and FDOT chooses a Best Value Selection in spring 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 transportation facilities—similar to the I-4 concept—on behalf of public sector owners.

The I-4 Ultimate website www.moving-4-ward.com contains information and documents related to this project.

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