



## Contractors Chosen to Bid on New Wellsburg Bridge Construction Project

West Virginia Department of Transportation Secretary Paul Mattox announces that after a thorough review and evaluation of contractors, the top three qualified candidates have been chosen to submit design and cost proposals for a new Ohio River Crossing just south of Wellsburg.

As a Public Private Partnership project, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the design and construction of the new Wellsburg Bridge was required to be submitted by March 15, 2016. The following contractors have been deemed most qualified:

- American Bridge Company; Coraopolis, Pennsylvania
- Flatiron Constructors, Inc.; Broomfield, Colorado
- Walsh Construction Company; Chicago, Illinois

The new Wellsburg Bridge will cross the Ohio River and

connect WV Route 2, south of Wellsburg to Ohio Route 7 in Brilliant, Ohio.

“I appreciate Governor Tomblin’s leadership for allowing the Division of Highways to partner with the Ohio Department of Transportation and Federal Highways Administration to use this innovative and efficient method of project delivery,” said Secretary Mattox. “We also recognize the leadership of Senator Jack Yost, Brooke County Commissioners, Wellsburg Mayor Sue Simonetti, and the Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission for their support and efforts toward this project.”

The bid letting will take place on July 26, 2016. Construction on the project should begin in the spring of 2017 with an anticipated completion date of July 2020.

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### About The West Virginia DOT

The purpose of the West Virginia DBE program is to encourage, cultivate and support equal opportunities for firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

The WVDOT provides support for its certified DBE firms through the DBE Supportive Services Program with the intent to improve economic growth and future of WV DBE firms by utilizing the following tactics:

- Expanding business knowledge
- Increase project quality
- Enhance abilities
- Create marketability of WV DBEs

### About The Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

## U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx Announces Notice of Funding Availability for Infrastructure Projects

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx today announced the availability of credit assistance for critical infrastructure projects across the country through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program. Secretary Foxx encouraged states and cities across the country to submit letters of interest for direct loans, loan guarantees, and standby lines of credit through TIFIA as a result of the recently enacted Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).

"The TIFIA credit program has a strong record of success in stimulating local economies and bringing critical transportation projects to communities that need them," said US Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "This year, the added flexibility and streamlined review process should make it easier for a variety of applicants to take advantage of the funding opportunities, and to bring significant infrastructure developments to their neighborhoods."

The FAST Act authorizes \$1.435 billion in capital over five years for the TIFIA credit assistance program. Historically, one dollar of TIFIA Program funds supported a TIFIA loan of approximately

14 dollars and resulted in infrastructure investment of up to 40 dollars, when taking into account other state, local and private sector investments. A wide range of surface transportation infrastructure is eligible for TIFIA credit assistance, including highways, passenger and freight rail, public transit, intermodal freight facilities, and international bridges and tunnels. The FAST Act expands eligibility to include transit-oriented development and the capitalization of a rural projects fund within a state infrastructure bank.

In addition, for eligible small projects, the FAST Act allows TIFIA to reserve funding to offset the fees charged to applicants by TIFIA for financial and legal services. Because of the flexibility provided by the TIFIA programs, many qualified, small-scale and large-scale projects that might otherwise be delayed or shelved can move forward quickly, providing an immediate boost to jobs while laying a foundation for continued economic growth.

To date, the TIFIA program has provided \$22.7 billion in credit assistance to support more than \$82.5 billion in transportation infrastructure investments to help build 56 major

transportation projects around the country. Updated information regarding TIFIA's loan portfolio is available here.

DOT's Build America Transportation Investment Center (BATIC), which was announced in 2014, has expanded TIFIA's ability to meet the needs of the nation's transportation system. BATIC serves as a single point of contact and coordination for states, municipalities, and project sponsors looking to utilize federal transportation expertise, apply for federal transportation credit programs, and explore ways to access private capital in public private partnerships (P3s). Since BATIC's formation, DOT has closed over \$8 billion in financing to support \$21 billion in projects.

BATIC has also increased the number of non-traditional DOT credit program applicants, most significantly TIFIA-eligible inside-the-gate port projects. BATIC has facilitated interdepartmental coordination for mega-projects that need to access multiple DOT credit programs. It is also providing project finance capacity building resources for states and municipalities in conjunction with the BATIC Institute.

Excerpt: U.S. Dept. of Transportation, 4/4/16

### Supportive Services Offered



- Estimating Training
- Marketing Plan Development
- Building Capacity
- Creating a Business Plan
- Mobilization Financing
- Building a Website
- Bonding Assistance



CEI is an educational organization providing the highest quality construction training in the industry. Over 100,000 owners, estimators, project managers, field supervisors, office support staff, foremen, laborers, and key management personnel have attended courses that are offered nationwide. The courses provide students with construction skills training and the critical information needed to be effective within their companies and organizations.

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