ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT RELEASE OF DRAFT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (Department) is seeking industry comment on the draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Widening and Reconstruction Design-Build-Finance Project (30 Crossing) located on Interstate 30 and Interstate 40 from the I-30/I-530 Interchange in the south to the I-40/Hwy 67 Interchange in the north. The most current project information is available on the project's website at www.30crossing.com.

The Department is seeking comment from the industry for information purposes only and does not in any way commit to incorporating received comments into the final RFQ which is currently scheduled for release in the fall of 2016. The Department is not seeking nor will the Department accept any Submittal of Qualifications in response to this draft RFQ.

Any party interested in commenting on the draft RFQ shall submit a request by e-mail to 30crossing@ahtd.ar.gov. This request shall contain the name of the party seeking to provide comments as well as information for a point of contact with the interested party.

All comments must be made on the comment form provided with the draft RFQ and must be submitted by the point of contact listed in the request for the draft RFQ. Comments should be submitted to 30crossing@ahtd.ar.gov. The deadline for submission of any comments to the Department is **4:00 P.M. CDT on July 19, 2016**. Any comments received after this date will not be considered by the Department to have been received.

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