



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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DATE: August 18, 2021

TO: Darlene Major
Consultant Contract Services Administrator

FROM: Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D.
Secretary

RE: Selection Justification
Contract No. 4400021094
Update Statewide Transportation Plan and
Statewide Transportation Travel Demand Model
Statewide

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In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 48:293, this memorandum serves as justification for selection of HNTB Corporation (Number 2)

The advertised project description provides that the scope of services include completion of updates to the State of Louisiana's Statewide Transportation Plan, Statewide Aviation System Plan, Statewide Rail System Plan, Freight Mobility Plan and Transportation Asset Management Plan as required by federal laws and transportation planning rules. This work includes many detailed and complex tasks, covering all transportation modes and includes extensive public, elected officials, state administrative and stakeholder involvement.

The shortlist identifies CDM Smith, Inc. as number 1, HNTB Corporation as number 2, and WSP USA, Inc. as number 3 in overall rank. However, I am selecting HNTB Corporation. I look to many factors when I contemplate selections in my capacity as Secretary. I factor in the current state of transportation, how these selections fit into the trajectory of the larger transportation industry and the long-term impact to the state.

As a backdrop, Louisiana continues to fight the COVID-19 Pandemic; the state is in receipt of multiple one-time investments related to the pandemic recovery in excess of \$700M and is anticipating an additional sizable one-time investment in the ensuing budget year. DOTD has received significant and recurring revenue for the first time in over three decades as the federal government contemplates the largest investment in infrastructure coupled with reauthorization in generations.

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The statewide transportation plan update for the DOTD is perhaps the most significant work we can undertake in our management, operations, and development of Louisiana's infrastructure system. Given the opportunities we have to advance projects that we have discussed for decades, DOTD has to be responsive to the times with an eye toward the future. The firm ranked number 1 has done exceptional work for the two previous iterations, and as such, I have determined that now is the ideal time to inject a different approach and team in how we develop this pivotal document during these momentous times.

Therefore, I have selected the team ranked number 2 as they present a unique opportunity for timely and qualified change with an impressive team that includes DBE's and others that have presented notable work in other venues. For these reasons and as identified above, I have selected HNTB Corporation (Number 2).

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Attachment