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NET RMA RELEASES REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR TOLL 49 SEGMENT 3B

Tyler, Texas – September 14, 2009 – The North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) today released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for development of the Toll 49 Segment 3B project through a Design/Build Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA). The move comes after the Board of Directors voted in August to pursue the project through the Design/Build process.

Toll 49 Segment 3B is a 9.7-mile section of roadway that stretches between State Highway 31 and Interstate 20. It is a particularly important section of the project because it provides an alternate, direct route to I-20 for citizens in south Tyler and surrounding areas. The NET RMA has been examining ways to aggressively pursue the project, and the Design/Build CDA process will allow the road to be constructed in a shorter timeframe.

"With the Design/Build process, construction can begin before the engineering design is 100 percent complete," said NET RMA Chairman Jeff Austin, III. "The NET RMA wants to build this road as quickly and efficiently as possible, and the Design/Build process is letting us do that."

Toll 49 Segment 3A, which will connect to Segment 3B, stretches 6.2 miles from SH 155 to SH 31. In March the Texas Department of Transportation approved nearly \$38 million in economic stimulus funding for Segment 3A. Engineering design for the road is complete, and construction has begun. Toll 49 Segment 3A is expected to open to the public in late 2012.

The RFQ for the Toll 49 Segment 3B Design/Build CDA and pertinent support documents are available for download on the NET RMA website: www.netrma.org. The entity selected for the project will be responsible for the design and construction of the Project through a Design/Build CDA. Submissions from interested parties are due by 4:00 p.m., CST on October 14, 2009.

About the NET RMA

The NET RMA is an independent government agency created to accelerate the development of transportation projects in North East Texas. Our mission is to implement transportation solutions that will enhance the quality of life and the economic environment in our area. The NET RMA is governed by a board

of directors that represent each of the member counties: Bowie, Cass, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Wood, and Van Zandt. Texas RMAs were made possible through an initiative passed by state legislature in 2001. The NET RMA was established in October 2004.

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