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**NET RMA BOARD DISCUSSES SHORT LIST FOR
REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS, SPONSORSHIP OF MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT CENTER**

Tyler, Texas – November 4, 2009 – The North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) Board of Directors met Wednesday for a Special Meeting called by Chairman Jeff Austin, III at the Ramada Inn in Tyler, Texas. Among the topics of discussion were the discussion and action on the recommendation of a short-list of qualified teams for the Toll 49 Segment 3B project through a Design/Build Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA). The Board also agreed the next step is to release a Request for Detailed Proposal (RFDP) for the group of short listed firms. The information will be posted on the NET RMA website www.NETRMA.org.

NET RMA Project Director Everett Owen said, "The selection process was rigorous and the competition was tough. There were many thorough, comprehensive submissions by a variety of highly-qualified teams. We are very excited to be moving forward with the next phase of the Toll 49 Segment 3B project."

The shortlisted firms are:

3B Constructors, JV
CH2MHILL Constructors Inc.
J.D. Abrams, L.P.
W.W. Webber, LLC

The NET RMA originally released the RFQ for development of the Toll 49 Segment 3B project through a Design/Build Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) on Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, the move accelerated the design and construction process, allowing Segment 3B to be completed in a shorter timeframe. Toll 49 Segment 3B is a 9.7-mile section of roadway that stretches between State Highway 31 and Interstate 20. The firm selected for the project will be responsible for the design and construction of the project through a Design/Build CDA.

The NET RMA Board also voted during the meeting to partner with Smith County on the sponsorship of a TxDOT public transportation project application for a Multi-Modal Transit Center.

"This is a facility that could be utilized in any community in the 12 counties. It is a local solution to better coordinate transit activities more efficiently in the region," said Chairman Austin.

The NET RMA will hold its next board meeting late November or early December.

About the NET RMA

The NET RMA is an independent government agency created to accelerate the development of transportation projects in northeast 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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