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UMTA ANNOUNCES \$22 MILLION PROJECT MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT PROGRAM

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Ralph L. Stanley today announced the selection of ten firms which are qualified to perform project management oversight (PMO) for selected ongoing and future transit projects receiving federal funds. The current estimate for the program is \$22 million.

This major initiative by UMTA is designed to provide additional oversight of selected capital projects by using the services of private contractors. UMTA's contractors will monitor projects to help assure that grantees' projects are properly staffed, managed and executed in accordance with established procedures, plans, specifications and principles in a timely manner.

In making the announcement Stanley said, "It is UMTA's responsibility to assure taxpayers that Federal funds are being expended in an efficient and prudent manner. By increasing attention to construction and project management, potential problems can quickly be recognized and solutions found. Major projects, such as New York's 63rd Street Tunnel and Detroit's Peoplemover, need increased vigilance from both local and Federal officials."

Once individual contracts are awarded to each firm, UMTA will issue task orders for specific projects or clusters of projects to individual firms.

The contractors will not manage projects or direct the activities of grantees. They will provide independent guidance and recommendations to UMTA regarding the progress of assigned projects and performance of grantees. The cost of the contract will be paid for with program funds.

Day and Zimmermann/Stone and Webster, (a joint venture), of Philadelphia, Penn., will receive the first contract. The company has been issued a task order to oversee construction on the Washington, D.C. Metrorail system.

UMTA has previously contracted for oversight services on four major capital projects: the Miami Metrorail; Detroit's Central Automated Transit System; Santa Clara County, Calif.-- Guadalupe Project; and the Sacramento Light Rail Project.

This announcement of the selection of the ten firms through competitive proposals today formally establishes UMTA's PMO program. The individual contracts will be for 21,200 professional hours over five years. PMO contractors are screened for any possible conflict of interest prior to assignment to a project.

The ten firms and their locations are:

Bechtel National, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD.;

CRS Sirrine, Inc., Washington, D.C.;

Day and Zimmermann/Stone and Webster (a joint venture), Philadelphia, Penn.;

DeLeuw, Cather and Company, Washington, D.C.;

Fluor Transportation and Infrastructure, Inc., Irvine, Calif.;

Hill International, Inc., Willingboro, N.J.;

Morrison - Knudsen Engineers, Inc., San Francisco, Calif.;

North Pacific Construction Management, Santa Monica, Calif.;

Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas, Inc., New York, N.Y.;

STV/Seelye Stevenson Value and Knecht, New York, N.Y.

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