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Georgia DOT Holds Two Information Sessions Targeting Firms Interested in Transportation Investment Act Opportunities

ATLANTA – GA DOT’s Office of TIA held an industry forum for firms interested in bidding on the upcoming procurement for Band 2 Design Services today. Last week, State Transportation Board (STB) Vice Chair Don Grantham hosted a small/local business outreach event in Augusta for disadvantaged business enterprises, small/local or veteran-owned businesses to provide information on the TIA program and projects.



TIA Administrator Mike Dover addresses the industry forum audience.

“We are excited about the upcoming Design Services procurement for TIA projects in Band 2,” said State TIA Administrator Mike Dover. “There are several projects that we know will benefit from the expertise of outside firms assisting the TIA office in identifying the maximum return on investment from our fiscally constrained budgets.”

The industry forum, held at GDOT’s headquarters, attracted over 25 firms seeking additional knowledge about the upcoming request for qualifications scheduled for posting on March 17th. Specifics of the projects included in the solicitation were reviewed, along with budget expectations and fund collections.

The February 21st outreach event in Augusta included presentations by both TIA staff and Augusta-Richmond County leaders. Staff from the local Engineering Division, Procurement Office and DBE Office each provided

information on local government let TIA projects, and answered audience questions concerning doing business with Augusta.

“I am truly pleased with the interest of the attendees this evening,” STB Vice Chair Don Grantham commented. “This is a chance for our community’s smaller firms to win business from the TIA program. There are many opportunities for local companies to take advantage of over the next several years. I especially appreciate all the questions the participants asked and the chance for open dialogue with these businesses.”



STB Vice Chair Don Grantham speaks with local business owner after Friday's outreach event.

Mr. Grantham was joined by Congressional District 13 Board Member Dana Lemon at the outreach event. A small businesses owner herself, Ms. Lemon encouraged those in attendance to build relationships with other firms, take the time to go to networking events and foster the necessary contacts to secure work on TIA and all GDOT projects.

More information on the upcoming solicitation **Request for Qualifications, RFQ-484-040714TIA**, and the presentation from today's industry forum may be viewed on the TIA website at www.GA-TIA.com.

Forty-six counties and their respective cities comprise the three regional districts that approved the TIA referendum last July. Cumulatively, they are expected to self-generate approximately \$1.8 billion in new revenue dedicated to local transportation improvements. Georgia DOT will coordinate work for cities and counties on some smaller jobs, and also assist in the engineering and construction management of larger projects. All of the projects were selected by regional commission roundtables of local elected officials after much public input. Seventy-five percent of the revenues will be utilized for the construction of these roundtable pre-selected projects while the remaining 25 percent will be disbursed to the regions' governments each month on a predetermined formula basis for discretionary use on local transportation-related efforts.

Committed to full disclosure of its TIA-related activities, Georgia DOT maintains a webpage devoted to the program and featuring current updates on all project activities; it may be accessed by visiting: <http://www.ga-tia.com/>

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