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Florida Department of Transportation Announces Intent to Award for the I-395/SR 836/I-95 Project

Miami, FL – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six along with its partner the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) announced at a public meeting today its notice of intent to award the I-395/SR 836/I-95 Public Private Partnership (P3) Project to the Archer Western-de Moya (AW-dMG) Joint Venture.

AWM-dMG Joint Venture's bid came in under the maximum allowable budget of \$802 million and reduced the maximum allowable contract time by a year. Their technical proposal significantly improves the capacity, mobility and safety within the corridor as described below.

The AW-dMG Team designed a signature bridge that will redefine the Miami skyline with six sweeping arches.



Aerial view of signature bridge during the day (first image) and evening (second image)

FDOT District Six Secretary James Wolfe said “We look forward to taking the next steps with our partners at MDX, Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami. It is natural that people focus on the dramatic visual impact of the signature bridge but I am excited about the opportunity to develop the area under the elevated highway as a vibrant public space.”

Technical features of the bridge include:

- A cable-stayed bridge with six structural arches supporting eastbound and westbound I-395 over State Road (SR) 5/Biscayne Boulevard;
- Arches that stretch up to 330 feet (85 feet taller than required) making it one of the tallest segmental arch bridges in North America;
- A 1,025-foot single span over NE 2 Avenue and SR 5/Biscayne Boulevard (contract documents required a minimum span of 650 feet);
- A lighting system that will illuminate the arches and all 136 stay cables individually. This system can be programmed to display a multitude of color combinations and dynamic displays.

In addition to redefining the Miami skyline, the signature bridge and adjacent structures will transform the area beneath I-395 into 55 acres of vibrant open communal spaces for the enjoyment of Overtown residents, nearby communities and visitors.



Legacy Wall looking east from NW 3 Avenue



Continuous trail looking east from North Miami Avenue



Marketplace/activities area looking west from NW 2 Avenue



Interactive water feature at trail's end that mimics the bridge's arches



Amphitheater with lighting for night events



Children's play area between NW 1 Place and NW 1 Court

Additional community enhancements include:

- Increasing the vertical clearance of I-395 allowing more light through and providing a greater feeling of openness in Overtown;
- Continuous landscaping and streetscaping in the areas under and adjacent to I-395;
- A continuous pedestrian walkway from NW 3 Avenue in Overtown to Biscayne Boulevard in downtown that depicts Miami's unique history and diversity;
- Eliminating retaining walls along I-395 to enhance connectivity between the Overtown neighborhood to the west and the Park West neighborhood to the east;

- Reconnection of NW 2 Avenue in Overtown;
- Pedestrian and decorative lighting along the project corridor.

The project provides benefits to drivers of the three most heavily traveled corridors in Miami-Dade County: I-395, SR 836 and I-95. The reconstruction of these corridors will provide drivers with greater mobility and access as well as enhanced safety. Improvements include:

- Construction of a Viaduct (elevated bridge) over SR 836 will increase capacity, reduce congestion and enhance safety by allowing through traffic to bypass the I-95 interchange.



SR 836 Viaduct over the Miami River

FDOT held a public bid opening for three responsive proposers on April 24, 2017. Proposers included the AW-dMG Joint Venture, Fluor-Astaldi-MCM and Miami Community Builders Joint Venture. AW-dMG Joint Venture was ranked best value proposer and in the following weeks FDOT performed a series of contractual reviews including commercial and financial close.

To view the Technical and Aesthetic Proposals, please visit the project website at www.i-395miami.com. For more information, please call FDOT's Public Information Office at 305-470-5349 or visit the website at www.fdotmiamidade.com. For around-the-clock, real time, traffic information, call 511.