

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2006, there was conducted a SPECIAL Meeting of the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority, Texas, at the Levi Building thereof, in the City of San Benito, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

THE BOARD MET AT:

PRESENT:

12:00 P.M.

DAVID ALLEX  
CHAIRPERSON

LAURA BETANCOURT  
DIRECTOR

SCOT CAMPBELL  
DIRECTOR

RAY RAMON  
DIRECTOR

VICTOR ALVAREZ  
DIRECTOR

MICHAEL SCAIEF  
DIRECTOR

DAVID N. GARZA  
COUNTY CLERK

Mary Robles Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Allex at 12:14 P.M. He then asked Director Alvarez for the invocation.

The Board considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on January 10, 2006, at 2:31 P.M.:

(I) PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, Chairman Alex introduced Cameron County Commissioner Edna Tamayo, [Precinct 4](#).

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Commissioner Tamayo stated that Cameron County has given the RMA an awesome responsibility and that selecting a GEC was probably the most important responsibility that the Board will have. She explained that she was present because she was concerned that the RMA be successful, and commented that the eyes and ears of Texas were upon the CCRMA. Commissioner Tamayo asked that the RMA carefully study all information and that they keep in mind that they were dealing with tax dollars in selecting the GEC. She emphasized that the future of Cameron County was in the hands of the RMA, and requested that the choice they make be for the betterment of the RMA and Cameron County.

Mr. Alan Johnson, Former Texas Turnpike Authority Member, commented that he served five years on the said authority, thus he has affinity for what the RMA was experiencing. He stated that the decisions that the RMA makes will be lasting; therefore, cautioned that the directors to be diligent. Mr. Johnson briefed as to how the Texas Turnpike Authority was started and the process followed to organize the authority. He explained that in selecting their GEC they set 30% of what the consultants could deliver in innovation, 70% based on what the firm says during the interview because communication is a huge part of the issue. Mr. Johnson stated that they developed a matrix of how the consultants would be evaluated and explained that staffing and experience was the most important thing they looked at, noting that the relationship between staff and the consultant would be of most importance. He advised that the Board be prepared to live with their decision and that they ask themselves "if it were my money how I would use it" when making decisions concerning taxpayers' money.

**PRESENTATION**

(II) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT

Director Scaief reported that the committee developed scoring [sheet with](#) criteria based on the RFQ and briefed as to the process followed in its preparation. He noted that the scoring sheet was submitted to the Texas Turnpike Authority which presented comments and revisions were made accordingly. Director Scaief explained that each item refers to sections within the presentation, that the points would not be accumulated since they were intended to help the directors in their decisions, [and that](#) a ten minute period would be allotted for questions and discussions.

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Chairman Alex clarified that all information included in the scoring sheet was found in the Presentation.

Director Campbell asked if information was missing under the plan and approach section because a budget has not been presented.

Mr. Sepulveda responded that budget examples were provided within the RFQ on Section 6.2.1 under proposed approach on quality, schedule and budget and that section 6.2.2 has coordination.

Director Campbell asked how budget issues would be addressed by the consultants.

Mr. Craig Stong, HDR, responded that any budget issue would be analyzed to identify where it arose, while working with the Board, its financial advisor and attorneys to redevelop a plan, perhaps by changing the scope requirements or phasing the project in order to bring it within budget.

Mr. David Clarke, HNTB Corporation, responded that any budget issues would be addressed by viewing the scope to identify the cause and they would then work in conjunction with the Board to address the problem, adding that these issues should not arise with proper communication amongst the staff and Board. He added that the project could be phased, downsized and that any proposed action would be presented to the Board for approval.

Director Alvarez asked how checks & balances would be addressed.

Mr. Clarke stated that checks & balances would be part of the daily operations to be addressed via regular daily communications with staff.

Mr. Stong stated that the checks & balances stop with the project manager. He added that they would work with the Board to develop its goals and checks & balances through direct communication with them and staff on a monthly and weekly basis.

Chairman Alex reiterated that the Board has the ultimate responsibility for checks & balances.

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**(III) CONSIDERATION, ACTION AND SELECTION OF  
THE GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT FOR  
CCRMA**

Chairman Alex stated that this was probably the toughest decision to be made and urged that it be made based on experience and projects to be developed. He reiterated that the CCRMA was the first in the Rio Grande Valley and the only one on the U.S. and Mexico Border, thus he recommended that they set an example of doing things right.

Director Garza commented that in reviewing all data, one team appeared to be ahead of the other as to experience.

Director Garza moved that the selection of HNTB as the General Engineering Consultant for the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority be authorized.

The motion was seconded by Director Campbell and carried unanimously.

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**(IV) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RMA  
BOARD AND STAFF TO ATTEND TEAM TX  
MEETING FEBRUARY 1-2, 2006**

Upon motion by Director Garza, seconded by Director Ramon and carried unanimously, the RMA Board and staff were authorized to attend the TEAM TX Meeting February 1-2, 2006.

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There being no further business to come before the **BOARD**, Upon motion by Director Alvarez seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** by Chairman Allex at 1:02 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2006.

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**CHAIRMAN DAVID E. ALLEX**

**ATTESTED:**

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**SECRETARY LAURA BETANCOURT**