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Pursuant to Transportation Code, §21.111, and Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, §30.209, the Texas Department of Transportation conducts public hearings to receive comments from interested parties concerning proposed approval of various aviation projects.

For information regarding actions and times for aviation public hearings, please go to the following website:

[www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings).

Or visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), How Do I Find Hearings and Meetings, choose Hearings and Meetings, and then choose Schedule.

Or contact Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, 150 East Riverside, Austin, Texas 78704, (512) 416-4501 or 1-800-68-PI-LOT.

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### Request for Qualifications - State Highway 288

Pursuant to the authority granted under Transportation Code, Chapter 223 (enabling legislation), the Texas Department of Transportation (department) may enter into public-private partnership agreements, also known as comprehensive development agreements, for the design, development, construction, financing, maintenance, and operation of a toll project on the state highway system. The enabling legislation authorizes private involvement in toll projects and provides a process for the department to solicit proposals for such projects. Transportation Code, §223.203 prescribes requirements for issuance of a request for qualifications and requires the department to publish a notice in the *Texas Register* if the department decides to issue a request for qualifications for a project. The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) has promulgated rules located at Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §§27.1 - 27.10 (the rules), governing the submission and processing of qualifications submittals, and providing for publication of notice that the department is requesting qualifications submittals, and setting forth the basic criteria for professional experience, technical competence, and capability to complete a proposed project, and such other information the department considers relevant or necessary in the request for qualifications. The commission has authorized the issuance of a request for qualifications to develop, design, construct, finance, operate, and maintain tolled lanes, general purpose lanes, and associated facilities, including up to eight direct connectors at Beltway 8, along an approximately 10.3 mile portion of State Highway (SH) 288 from US Route 59 to the Harris County line at Clear Creek in Harris County (project), through a public-private partnership agreement (P3A). The project may also include facilities to connect SH 288 to the Texas Medical Center in Houston, Texas, subject to the enactment of legislation amending the deadline for required environmental approvals related to the project and the receipt of such environmental approvals with respect to such facilities.

On April 26, 2012, in Minute Order 113075, the commission authorized the department to commence the procurement process for the project under the enabling legislation. This notice represents the next step in the process.

Through this notice, the department is seeking qualifications submittals (QS) from teams interested in entering into a toll concession P3A in response to a request for qualifications (RFQ). The department intends to evaluate any QS received and may request submission of detailed proposals, potentially leading to negotiation, award, and execution of a P3A. The department will accept for consideration any QS received in accordance with the rules and the RFQ on or before the deadline in this notice. The department anticipates issuing the RFQ, receiving and analyzing the QSs, developing a shortlist of proposing entities or consortia, and issuing a request for detailed proposals (RFP) to the shortlisted entities. After review and a best value evaluation of the responses to the RFP, the department may negotiate and enter into a P3A for the project.

**RFQ Evaluation Criteria.** QSs will be evaluated by the department for shortlisting purposes using the following general criteria: technical qualifications and capability, statement of technical approach, project finance qualifications and capability, conceptual project financing discussion, and safety qualifications. The specific criteria under the foregoing categories will be identified in the RFQ, as will the relative weighting of the criteria.

**Release of RFQ and Due Date.** The department currently anticipates that the RFQ will be available on May 3, 2013. Copies of the RFQ will be available at the department's Houston District office located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 and on the following website:

[www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh288-toll-lanes.html](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh288-toll-lanes.html)

QSs will be due at 12:00 p.m. on August 2, 2013 at the address specified in the RFQ.

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### Workforce Solutions Capital Area

#### Public Notice

The Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board is soliciting applications from training providers under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Eligible Training Provider System. All training must be related to Board-approved targeted occupations. Information regarding targeted occupations, minimum performance levels, eligibility criteria, and the application process can be found at [www.wfscapitalarea.com](http://www.wfscapitalarea.com).

For information and assistance, contact Sandra Valenzuela at (512) 597-7100 or email [sandra.valenzuela@wfscapitalarea.com](mailto:sandra.valenzuela@wfscapitalarea.com). Applications are accepted at all times. Workforce Solutions is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program.

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