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## **RTD releases Request for Proposals for public-private partnership**

### **EAGLE P3 PROJECT A P3 MODEL FOR THE NATION**

**Denver, October 1, 2009** – The Regional Transportation District (RTD) has released the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Eagle P3 Project – the public-private partnership (P3) venture that will complete several FasTracks projects through one collective contract. As planned, the RFP was delivered to three pre-qualified teams on Sept. 30.

The \$2.3 billion Eagle P3 Project will design, build, finance, operate and maintain the East Corridor from Denver Union Station to Denver International Airport, the Gold Line to Arvada and Wheat Ridge, a short segment of the Northwest Rail Corridor to Westminster and the commuter rail maintenance facility.

“The release of this RFP represents two years of hard work and innovation by scores of people to craft a partnership that will help deliver a large portion of the FasTracks program,” said Phil Washington, RTD’s Interim General Manager. “This P3 project will serve as a model for public entities across the nation that are looking to partner with the private sector to build major public projects, especially at a time when cash flows are being severely impacted by the economy.”

In 2008, RTD short-listed three teams to compete for the P3 contract. The teams include:

<b>Denver Transit Partners</b>	<b>Mile High Transit</b>	<b>Mountain-Air Transit Partners</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluor Enterprises, Inc.</li> <li>• Macquarie Capital Group Ltd.</li> <li>• Ames Construction</li> <li>• Balfour Beatty Rail, Inc.</li> <li>• Alternate Concepts, Inc.</li> <li>• HDR Global Design Consultants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Laing</li> <li>• HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions</li> <li>• Bombardier</li> <li>• Flatiron Corporation</li> <li>• Archer-Western</li> <li>• Aldridge Electric</li> <li>• AECOM</li> <li>• CH2M-HILL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSBC</li> <li>• Siemens</li> <li>• Veolia</li> <li>• Kiewit</li> <li>• Herzog</li> <li>• Stacy and Witbeck</li> <li>• HNTB Corporation</li> <li>• Mass. Electric Construction Co.</li> </ul>

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Proposals from the bidding teams are due in spring 2010. RTD expects to select a final team in June 2010.

A growing number of public entities are pursuing public-private partnerships as a way to benefit from upfront private equity to help build major infrastructure projects. While P3 projects are more common internationally, RTD's Eagle P3 Project represents a unique model for a major transit project in the United States.

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved transit program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. FasTracks will build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District. The FasTracks investment initiative is projected to create more than 10,000 jobs during the height of construction, and will pump billions of dollars into the regional economy.

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