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PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS ATTEND BRIDGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

MADISON, IN (July 7, 2010) — The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) today held mandatory informational meetings in Madison, Ind. for contractors interested in submitting bids on the Milton-Madison Bridge Project.

Some 60 people attended the mandatory “pre-bid” meeting at Clifty Falls State Park, including five contractors and their partnering engineering firms. Contractors and engineers asked questions, examined contract plans and visited the project site. Project team members from INDOT and KYTC were on hand to answer questions.

“We are very pleased with the turnout for the pre-bid meeting,” said Kevin Hetrick, project manager for INDOT. “More contractors bidding on the project should increase the competitiveness and creativity of the bids.”

Contractors and their partnering engineering firms in attendance included:

- American Bridge Company, HDR
- CJ Mahan Construction Co., Janssen and Spaans Engineering, Inc., Entran
- Massman Construction Co., Parsons Transportation Group
- Traylor Brothers, HNTB
- Walsh Construction Company, Burgess & Niple Engineers, Buckland and Taylor Ltd.

INDOT is using an innovative construction method on the bridge project called “design-build” to replace the existing 80-year-old US 421 bridge connecting Milton, Ky. and Madison, Ind. With design-build, the design and construction phases of the project overlap, shortening the completion time of the project. Design-build does not compromise quality or safety; inspectors will monitor every step of construction.

Project bids will be opened at a fall bid letting and reviewed to ensure they meet project requirements. The contract will be awarded to the qualified design-build team with the lowest cost proposal that also meets all contract requirements.

Contract documents specify that the bridge cannot be closed for longer than 12 months. The winning contractor is expected to submit a project schedule, including the anticipated bridge closure period, and begin work as soon as possible after the contract is awarded.

For more information, visit the project Web site, Milton-MadisonBridge.com

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