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Update: MRB design team prequalifies contractor teams for bridge

ST. LOUIS – The Mississippi River Bridge design team has prequalified four contractor teams to bid on the cable-stay portion of the new bridge between East St. Louis, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.

Contractor teams prequalified to bid on the bridge are: Kiewit Western Co., a joint venture between American Bridge Co. and Dragados USA, a joint venture between Walsh Construction and PCL, and a joint venture between Massman Construction Co., Traylor Brothers and Alberici Enterprises. American Bridge Co. had already prequalified for the bridge, but chose to requalify with Dragados USA as a joint venture.

These four contractor teams have qualified to bid on the main cable-stayed span of the Mississippi River Bridge. Additionally, these contractors are working with the Mississippi River Bridge team to develop confidential and individualized proposals using the latest advances in construction technology. Each contractor has the opportunity to make cost-saving suggestions to reduce the final cost of the river bridge. The Mississippi River Bridge team plans to advertise the bidding opportunity for the main span of the bridge in mid-September 2009 and should open the bids in mid-October 2009.

By qualifying, these contractor teams have verified that the team has the experience, leadership and capability available to complete the complex work required in constructing the Mississippi River Bridge.

Additionally, eight contractors have indicated that they were interested in working with the Mississippi River Bridge team to develop potentially cheaper construction alternatives on the bridge approaches – the section of the roadway on either side of the bridge leading to the bridge. For the MRB, this section ranges from approximately Route 3 on the Illinois side to just before Broadway on the Missouri side. Those contractors who have indicated they are interested in developing alternatives for the approaches are Fred Weber Inc., KCI Construction Co., Keeley and Sons, Keller Construction Inc., Kozeny-Wagner, Millstone-Bangert Inc., St. Louis Bridge Construction Co. and Walsh Construction.

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