Date: March 8, 2010

Derrell Turner

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RE: S.P. 2505-48 (TH 52)

Elk Run Interchange Design-Build Project

Dear Mr. Turner:

Mn/DOT has elected to cancel the current solicitation for bids on the Elk Run Interchange Design-Build Project (in accordance with Section 4.4 of the Request for Qualifications) and begin a new solicitation for bids.

On November 18, 2009, we issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and received Statements of Qualifications (SOQ”s) from six (6) proposers. The SOQ’s were evaluated; however we did not shortlist during this process. The new solicitation for bids will start with re-issuance of the Request for Qualifications, scheduled for release on March 12, 2010.

There are a few of reasons for the cancellation. Olmsted County has requested Mn/DOT add between $5 and $10 million of additional scope to the project (re-alignment of Olmsted County CSAH 12). With this added scope, Mn/DOT wants to verify the ability of the contractors to obtain an increased performance bond and payment bond for the project. Also, based on concerns expressed from proposers, we want to verify each team’s project personnel because the schedule delay may have caused certain personnel to be unavailable for this project.

The new procurement schedule is proposed as follows:

 Issue RFQ March 12, 2010

 SOQ due date April 2, 2010

 Evaluation of SOQs April 2, 2010 to April 15, 2010

 Provide FHWA with draft RFP April 12, 2010

 Announce Shortlist April 16, 2010

 Issue RFP April 29, 2010

 Technical Proposals due July 14, 2010

 Price Proposals due July 28, 2010

 Evaluation of Technical Proposals July 14, 2010 to July 29, 2010

 Price Proposals opened July 30, 2010

 Anticipated First Notice to Proceed August 31, 2010

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Terry Ward, Elk Run Design-Build Project Manager at 507-286-7688.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer

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