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WSDOT Prepares to Award I-405/I-5 to SR 169 Stage 1 – Widening Project to Apparent Best Value Bidder

OLYMPIA – Bilfinger/Tri-State Joint Venture has submitted the apparent best value proposal for WSDOT's I-405/I-5 to SR 169 Stage 1 – Widening project funded by the 2003 Nickel gas tax and 2005 Transportation Partnership Account (TPA). WSDOT and the design build contractor, Bilfinger/Tri-State Joint Venture will execute the contract in the next couple of weeks. Motorists can expect construction to begin almost immediately.

The project, located on I-405 between I-5 and SR 167, will address congestion on one of the state's busiest sections of freeway. The project will:

- Add one new general purpose lane in each direction on I-405 from SR 167 to I-5.
- Add an auxiliary lane on southbound SR 167 between I-405 and SW 41st Street.
- Extend the SR 167 southbound HOV lane north to I-405.
- Replace the I-405 bridges over Springbook Creek and Oakesdale Avenue.
- Rehabilitate multiple ramp connections at SR167 and SR 181.

“We are very excited about this,” said Kim Henry, I-405 Project Director. “Bilfinger/Tri-State Joint Venture is a new partner on the I-405 program. Bilfinger has a lot of design-build experience and Tri-State has a strong local presence. We look forward to working with both of them on this new venture. This is the third project to begin construction on I-405. All projects are on schedule and we expect the Renton project to begin right away.”

The I-405/I-5 to SR 169 Stage 1 – Widening Project is one of 150 individual, coordinated projects of the I-405 master plan approved in 2002 by the cities and counties along the corridor, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Authority, Sound Transit, King County Metro and WSDOT. Ultimately, the master plan includes four new freeway lanes (2 in each direction), bus rapid transit and other improved transit services, additional HOV direct access points, vanpool, carpool lanes and more park-and-ride spaces.

About Bilfinger/Tri-State Joint Venture

Bilfinger/Tri-State Joint Venture is a partnership of Bilfinger Berger Civil, Inc. and Tri-State Construction, Inc. Bilfinger Berger has extensive experience in executing major design-build projects in the US and abroad. Tri-State Construction, based in Bellevue, has decades of experience in building highways, utility work, and concrete construction for WSDOT. Design

for the project will be done by David Evans and Associates, Inc., a multi-discipline, regional engineering firm based in Portland, Oregon with a major design office in Bellevue. David Evans and Associates has done extensive engineering and environmental work on I-405 and Tri-State Construction has completed over ten projects on the I-405 corridor to date.

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