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NINE COMPANIES BID ON MEADOW CREEK PARKWAY PROJECT Contract scheduled for award by Commonwealth Transportation Board on Dec. 18

CULPEPER – Nine construction companies bid on the contract to build the Meadow Creek Parkway project in Albemarle County. The apparent low bidder was Faulconer Construction Company Inc. of Charlottesville, which bid \$11,782,035.81. The bids, which were opened Friday morning, ranged from \$11.8 million to \$17.2 million.

All nine bids will be reviewed by the Virginia Department of Transportation to ensure the low bidder is responsive to all aspects of the request for bids and that the firm is a responsible bidder. Responsive means the bid is complete and includes all bonds, declarations and other information required by state and federal law. Responsible means the firm is pre-qualified with VDOT and in good standing with the State Corporation Commission. The bids are also analyzed for conformance with the Engineer's Estimate. This analysis may take several days.

Once the department decides that the above requirements have been met and has determined that the bid represents good value to the commonwealth, the bid will be presented for award to the Commonwealth Transportation Board at its regular meeting Dec. 18. If the contract is awarded as scheduled construction is expected to begin in February.

The project will build a new 1.4-mile, two-lane parkway from Rio Road south to the Charlottesville city limits at Melbourne Road. It will also include reconstruction of a portion of Rio Road east of the current transition from four lanes to two lanes and replacement of the bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks. If the contract is awarded as scheduled construction is expected to begin in February.

The city's portion of the new road, known as McIntire Road Extended, will be advertised for construction bids in early 2009. A third project, to replace the at-grade intersection of the Route 250 Bypass and McIntire Road with a grade-separated interchange and link to McIntire Road Extended, is also under development by the city of Charlottesville with construction advertisement scheduled for early 2010.

A complete list of bidders and their bid quotes will be posted Friday afternoon on the Virginia Department of Transportation's Web site, <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/const/bidresults-list.asp>. Click on the Dec. 5 bid date.

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