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## **RT. 29 MEETING DRAWS 100 INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES** *Western Bypass project information presented to highway construction community*

CULPEPER — An informational meeting to review the proposed Route 29 Western Bypass project in Albemarle County drew more than 100 representatives from the highway contracting community.

Companies from across Virginia as well as firms from several other states attended the meeting, which was held today at the Virginia Department of Transportation's Culpeper District office in Culpeper. During the meeting background information about the project was presented along with a general outline of the Request for Proposals (RFP) that was issued Sept. 27.

The Western Bypass project will build a new 6.2-mile, four-lane, limited-access roadway stretching from Route 29 just north of the South Fork Rivanna River to the Route 29/250 Bypass. The project includes interchanges at both termini to move traffic between Route 29 north and Route 29/250 west of Charlottesville.

Under the terms of the RFP the successful bidder will be responsible for final design of the roadway, completion of the environmental re-evaluation, purchase of the remaining right of way and construction of the road. A summary of qualifications from potential bidders is due on Nov. 29; proposals for the design-build project are due April 17, 2012.

Traffic using the Bypass will avoid 13 traffic signals along the Route 29 corridor north of Charlottesville. The new road will also provide an alternate route for motorists heading to the

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University of Virginia's Grounds via Leonard Sandridge Road, which will be connected to the Bypass by an interchange at its southern terminus.

More information about the Route 29 Western Bypass project, can be found on VDOT's web site, [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/rt.29\\_bypass.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/rt.29_bypass.asp). Information about the Western Bypass RFP can be found at: <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/request-for-proposals.asp>.

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