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## KDOT announces short list for U.S. 54/East Kellogg Progressive Design-Build project

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is pleased to announce the short list of the most qualified progressive design-build teams to have the opportunity to submit proposals for the U.S. 54/East Kellogg Improvement Project from K-96 to just east of 159th Street. The three most qualified shortlisted teams, in alphabetical order, are:

- Ames Construction
- Dondlinger/Wildcat Joint Venture, LLC
- Kiewit Infrastructure Co.

The progressive design-build teams were evaluated on their qualifications, including organizational structure, key personnel assigned to the project, and firm experience on similar projects. KDOT evaluated the Statement of Qualifications submitted by each team to determine the most qualified teams.

KDOT is using a two-step process to select a progressive design-build team for design and construction. Step 1 – Qualifications-Based Shortlisting is now complete. Step 2 – Determination of the Best-Value Proposer is scheduled to be completed in October with the announcement of the selected team. Additionally, environmental work being done in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is underway and anticipated to be completed in January 2023.

KDOT evaluated different delivery methods and selected progressive design-build as the preferred approach to procure and deliver the East Kellogg project. The 2.5-mile reconstruction project will reduce congestion, increase safety, improve trip reliability and support economic growth within the region. Work will include adding travel lanes and frontage roads, interchange improvements at K-96 and grade-separated intersections at 143rd and 159th Streets.

The modernization of East Kellogg is part of Kansas Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) a 10-year, \$10 billion program focused on preserving, modernizing and expanding the Kansas transportation system.

As part of the NEPA environmental work that is underway, an open house-style public meeting will take place this fall. Attendees will have an opportunity to talk with the project team, review more detailed designs for the proposed improvements, provide feedback and view the project timeline. More information about this public meeting will be shared in the coming weeks.

For more information on the East Kellogg project, please visit: eastkellogg.ksdotike.org/.

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