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COMMISSION AWARDS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO SUPPORT \$950 MILLION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

NEW HOPE, PA – The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission today awarded a contract to AECOM (formerly DMJM Harris) of Philadelphia to continue serving as its Capital Program Management Consultant for the Commission's 15-year Capital Improvement Program.

As part of the professional services contract award, AECOM also will serve as the Design Management Consultant for the I-95/Scudder Falls Bridge Improvement Project, which currently is in the midst of an Environmental Assessment review process by state and federal agencies.

The total contract award is for a fee not to exceed \$12 million over a 3-year term.

"AECOM is recognized as one of the nation's leading transportation infrastructure engineering consulting firms," said Frank G. McCartney, the Commission's executive director. "We look forward to drawing on the extensive experience and depth of resources that a firm like AECOM has to offer."

The project includes replacing the existing four-lane bridge with a structure that will provide three through-traffic lanes in each direction. A new, widened bridge is sorely needed as the current structure is the Commission's most heavily used span, with mounting traffic congestion problems and safety deficiencies.

Additionally, the project calls for the addition of a lane in each direction from Route 332 to the bridge, a new auxiliary lane from the Route 29 interchange to Bear Tavern Road, and new interchanges at Taylorsville Road and Route 29. The current projected project cost is \$309 million.

The Commission expects to make the Environmental Assessment of the project available to the public within the next couple months. Services to be provided by AECOM will include oversight of design and construction contracts, the securing of permits and right of ways, and oversight of eventual construction activities at the bridge and its approaches.

"AECOM will fill a vital role in the Scudder Falls project, the single largest component of the Commission's capital improvement program," said McCartney. "The firm is eminently qualified to help ensure the success of this enormously complex and challenging project."

In its role as Capital Program Management Consultant, AECOM will assist the Commission with the continued execution of the agency's \$950 million capital improvement program. AECOM will assist the Commission's Chief Engineer in programming, scheduling and budgeting as well as procuring professional services.

AECOM also will serve as a staff resource to provide additional oversight of the Commission's consultants and contractors, offering a range of engineering expertise in a variety of areas that would not have been feasible for the Commission to acquire inhouse.

About the Commission

The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission was formed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey in 1934. It operates seven toll bridges and 13 toll-supported bridges, two of which are pedestrian-only spans. The Commission's jurisdiction extends along the Delaware River from the Philadelphia-Bucks County line north to the New Jersey/New York border. The bridges carried more than 141 million cars and trucks in 2007. For more information about the Commission and its various initiatives to deliver safer and more convenient bridge travel for its customers, please see: www.drjtbc.org.