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## **KDOT announces short list for U.S. 69 Expansion design-build project**

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is pleased to announce the short list of the most highly qualified design-build teams to pursue the U.S. 69 Expansion Project. The three most highly qualified shortlisted teams, in alphabetical order, are:

- **69Express Constructors** (*A Clarkson Construction Company / Ideker Joint Venture*)
- **Overland Expressway Constructors** (*A Granite Construction Company / Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company Joint Venture*)
- **US69 Express Constructors** (*An Ames Construction / Emery Sapp & Sons Joint Venture*)

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

KDOT is using a two-step process to select a U.S. 69 Expansion Project design-build team. Step 1 – **Qualifications-Based Shortlisting** is now complete. Step 2 – **Determination of the Best-Value Proposer** is scheduled to begin in early January and conclude in late July with the identification and announcement of the winning team.

As one of the busiest highways in the state, improvements to U.S. 69 are needed to manage congestion and ensure commuters can continue to travel through the area safely and efficiently. The U.S. 69 expansion project has received local and state approval to move forward as Kansas' first express toll lanes project. The project limits extend along U.S. 69 from 103rd Street on the north end to 167th Street on the south end and will include the expansion of U.S. 69 to six lanes from 103rd Street to 151st Street.

KDOT will host a virtual public meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 to gather feedback on the environmental assessment developed as part of the project. KDOT also will host a month-long virtual open house beginning Dec. 8. The public meeting and open house will provide the same content, and questions can be submitted during both.

For more information on the virtual public meeting, virtual open house or the U.S. 69 expansion project, please go to [www.69express.org](http://www.69express.org). Project updates are available regularly on the website's Featured News link or by following the project's Facebook and Twitter pages and subscribing to the project newsletter. The Feedback section of the website also provides a link to a question/comment form.

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