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PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AND TUNNEL DISTRICT (THE
“DISTRICT”) WILL CONSIDER THE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL SUBMITTED
UNDER THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION ACT FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NEW
THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL TUNNEL**

Competing proposals will be accepted through April 14, 2014

CAPE CHARLES, VA – The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission (the “Commission”) is the governing body of the District. The Commission consists of eleven members who are appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. One member represents the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the remaining ten members represent the six cities within the District: Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News; and the two Eastern Shore counties of Northampton and Accomack.

The Commission on behalf of the District will consider for conceptual phase evaluation an unsolicited conceptual proposal (the “Proposal”) from Parallel Crossing Consortium (“PC2”), a joint venture consortium, for the development, construction and maintenance of the new parallel Thimble Shoal Channel Tunnel between Trestle A and Trestle B of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel facility (the “Project”) between Cape Charles and Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The Proposal includes the following specific tasks that are proposed to be performed by PC2:

1. Perform technical studies required for the Commission’s compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
2. Prepare the necessary engineering documents required to determine an accurate and reliable construction cost.
3. Determine an accurate and reliable construction schedule.
4. Prepare the necessary application and supporting documents to obtain a permit from the United States Coast Guard (USCG).

5. Prepare and execute a feasible plan for project financing in connection with CBBT Staff and Financial Advisors.
6. Develop a risk allocation plan appropriately transferring development, construction and maintenance risk of the new parallel Thimble Shoal Channel Tunnel from the Commission to PC2.
7. Deliver a series of Project Development Plans for all critical project functions.
8. Assign development and financial risk through a cost-sharing Interim Agreement (IA) with the Commission.
9. Assure that the Commission retains maximum flexibility for construction procurement and delivery.
10. Execute a fixed-price, date-certain Comprehensive Agreement (CA) with the Commission to design, build, finance and maintain the new Parallel Thimble Shoal Channel Tunnel, taking the Commission and PC2 into the construction phase.

The Proposal was submitted on November 26, 2013 by PC2, a group of design and construction companies that include:

- Skanska USA Civil Southeast, Inc.
- Kiewit Infrastructure Co.
- Philip A Shucet Co.
- Weeks Marine, Inc.
- Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.

Beginning January 15, 2014, the District will accept competing proposals for a period of 90 days. The Commission reserves the right in its discretion to extend this 90 day competition period.

All competing proposals must be accompanied by a check in accordance with the requirements of both the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995, as amended (the "PPTA"), and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District Guidelines and will be in the initial amount of \$50,000.

Following the close of the competition period, the Commission's Project Development Committee will review all proposals and make a recommendation to the Commission whether to advance any of the proposals for further review.

The Proposal was submitted pursuant to the PPTA as set forth in §§ 56-556, *et seq.* of the Virginia Code. A copy of the Proposal, together with supporting documents, has been posted on the District's website at <http://www.cbbt.com/>.

The Proposal, together with supporting documents, is also available for review at the District's Administration Building located at 32386 Lankford Highway in Cape Charles, Virginia 23310.

All communications associated with this solicitation must be addressed to Robert E. Johnson, 757-331-2960; rjohnson@cbbt.com.

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About the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel is a four-lane, 20-mile-long vehicular toll crossing of the lower Chesapeake Bay. The facility provides the only direct link between Hampton Roads, Virginia and the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The Bridge-Tunnel is operated by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District and governed by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission. For more information, please visit the website at www.cbbt.com.

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