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BLUEPRINT 2000 & BEYOND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE SELECTION FOR TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY'S FIRST TRANSPORTATION DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

Prior to the first of its penny sales tax being collected, Blueprint 2000 opened bids for its first construction contract on August 31, 2004. M, Inc. and C.W. Roberts, a Joint Venture teamed with PBS&J and Parsons Brinckerhoff have been selected over four other firms for the design-build best value contract after a rigorous selection process based on both technical and financial proposal evaluations. The Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency is expected to award the project at its meeting on September 20, 2004. The apparent winning bid was \$30,448,080.00 to design and construct Capital Circle Southeast from Tram Road to Connie Drive, just south of Apalachee Parkway. Vice Chairman of the Intergovernmental Agency and Leon County Commissioner Cliff Thaell remarked, "Not only do we get great partners to help us fulfill our Blueprint 2000 vision but we get the work done at an extremely competitive cost to our taxpayers."

This project will reconstruct approximately three miles of Capital Circle Southeast from two lanes to six lanes. The new roadway will include curb and gutter, significant stormwater improvements, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, a substantial landscaped median, extensive landscaped borders, and a multi-use trail.

The M, Inc./C.W. Roberts/PBS&J/Parsons Brinckerhoff team, have approximately 300 employees in the Leon County area. Responsibilities will include design, construction, and construction inspection services. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid 2005 and be completed within 1000 days.