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### **City Identifies Lowest Responsive Bidder for Runway 9L-27R Paving, NAVAIDS Contracts: Runway Paving Work Begins in August**

The City of Chicago Department of Procurement Services today announced that it has identified the lowest responsive bidder for two construction projects for the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), Mayor Richard M. Daley's vision to build a 21st century airport.

"It is our ongoing mission to work in close partnership with city departments to guarantee a fair and transparent process while maximizing the services provided," said Chief Procurement Officer Barbara Lumpkin.

The City plans to award the Runway 9L-27R Paving, Electrical, Lighting and Signing contract to the joint venture of Kiewit Western Co. and Reyes Construction, who submitted a bid of \$62.9 million, and the Runway 9L-27R NAVAIDS contract to Aldridge Electric Co., who submitted a bid of \$15.2 million.

"Moving forward with the Runway 9L-27R paving and NAVAIDS work represents another milestone we have reached toward commissioning this runway in November of 2008," said Rosemarie S. Andolino, OMP Executive Director. "These bids were very competitive and were both under our engineer's estimate and within our current budget," added Andolino.

In March of 2006, the City of Chicago rejected the Runway 9L-27R paving bids due to technological improvements on two existing O'Hare runways which allows site preparation for the project to proceed under a less complex construction phasing plan. These improvements, the addition of CAT II/III capabilities on Runways 27R and 27L, provided flexibility with OMP construction phasing so that the bids could be rejected without negatively impacting schedule. The March 2006 bids were also above the engineer's estimate.

Once the contract is awarded, the OMP will issue a Notice to Proceed for construction. Contractors will begin Runway 9L-27R paving in August 2007.

The City also has identified Aldridge Electric Inc. as the lowest responsive bidder for the 9L-27R NAVAIDS package. Aldridge submitted a bid of \$15.2 million for this project that includes installing navigational aids for aircraft approaching the runway.

OMP construction is ongoing on both the North and South Airfields. Thus far contractors have moved more than 5.3 million cubic yards of dirt, poured nearly 5,600 cubic yards of concrete and paved nearly 42,000 SY of concrete for a taxiway thus far. The OMP has awarded a total of 15 construction bid packages worth \$653 million to date.

Land acquisition activities also continue in the Village of Bensenville. To date, the OMP has settled or acquired 464 of the 611 properties to be acquired in Bensenville.

The O'Hare Modernization Program, approved by the federal government in September 2005, will reconfigure O'Hare's outdated intersecting runway configuration into a modern parallel configuration, substantially reducing delays and increasing capacity. The OMP will create up to 195,000 new jobs and add an additional \$18 billion in annual economic activity to the region without the use of any state or local taxpayer dollars.

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