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Innovative Pre-Procurement Data Room to Assist Private Sector in Preparing Bids for New Hudson River Tunnel

Feedback from Industry Designed to Reduce Cost, Expedite Schedule

NEWARK – Acting on feedback received from the private sector during an extensive Request for Information (RFI) process over the past 18 months, Gateway Program Development Corporation (GDC) has launched a Virtual Data Room to provide potential bidders with important technical information about the Hudson Tunnel Project.

Currently in the pre-procurement design and environmental analysis phase, the Hudson Tunnel Project will construct a new passenger rail tunnel under the Hudson River between New Jersey and Penn Station New York and provide for the rehabilitation of the existing North River Tunnel without impacting the 450 commuter and intercity trains that use the existing tunnel each day.

This innovative data room approach will give private sector firms access to information not typically available until the formal procurement process. By making the technical information available now, firms can review existing data and propose locations for additional geotechnical investigation. Future borings will supplement the data obtained during Preliminary Engineering of the Hudson Tunnel Project, which will also be available. Historical geotechnical information from the ARC project, Hudson Bergen Light Rail Project, Lincoln Tunnel, and the North River Tunnel will also be available in the data room.

This approach has the potential to save time during the upcoming procurement process by bringing forward some of the boring requests that would otherwise occur after issuance of a Request for Proposals.

“Launch of the data room reflects GDC’s commitment to ongoing and meaningful engagement with the private sector and incorporation of these ideas into the project plan,” **said Chairman Jerry Zaro, Vice Chairman Tony Coscia and New York Trustee Steven M. Cohen.** “We look forward to continued engagement with industry to help deliver a streamlined, efficient project for the region and the nation.”

“This innovative pre-procurement data room will enable GDC and potential bidders to learn more about the underground conditions and suggest additional geotechnical investigations,” **said GDC Interim Finance Director Frank Sacr.** “Unknown ground conditions are a major factor in adding cost and time to tunneling projects around the world so by undertaking this work now, GDC is actively working with the private sector to reduce the impact of this risk on the cost and schedule of the project.”

The Virtual Data Room will be accessible to Qualified Organizations, who will request secure access through the GDC website (www.gatewayprogram.org/workwithus.html). This initiative reflects GDC’s commitment to ongoing and meaningful engagement with the private sector with the goal of reducing cost and expediting schedule.