



## **MDOT Announces Shortlisted Teams for the Airport Parkway Project**

**Jackson, Mississippi, August 20, 2008** – The Mississippi Department of Transportation has announced the three shortlisted teams that will proceed to the RFP stage of the selection process to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the Airport Parkway Project.

The three teams selected to proceed to the RFP stage are: Jackson Access Mobility Group (ACS and Dragados), Airport Parkway P3 Group (Cintra and Ferrovial), and Global Via.

“MDOT is very pleased with the quality of the teams who submitted their statement of qualifications at the RFQ stage,” said Brenda Znachko, MDOT’s Deputy Executive Director/CFO. “These top caliber teams are a clear signal that the private sector is ready to invest in transportation in Mississippi. We look forward to working with these teams at the next stage of the selection process.”

MDOT expects to issue the final RFP to the shortlisted teams by the end of this year with proposals due the end of January. Selection of the Best Value Proposer is anticipated to occur in March 2009.

The Airport Parkway is a new 12-mile toll road facility located just east of downtown Jackson and extending eastward to the suburbs of Jackson and the Jackson International Airport. The Airport Parkway Project has been proposed to address the congestion resulting from the significant and fast-growing suburban population east of Jackson as well as the major retail growth and economic development that has occurred in this corridor.