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District selects shortlist for smart street lighting project

Teams will be exclusive bidders in next phase of procurement

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Today, the Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) announced the selection of three teams that were determined by the District to be the most highly qualified and will be able to respond to the Request for Proposals (RFP) in the smart street lighting project. The *"Safer. Smarter. Greener"*, project is a joint effort of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), and OP3 to modernize more than 75,000 streetlights in the District by converting them to LED technology with remote monitoring and control capabilities.

"Streetlights do far more than light our path as we travel our city – they can make us feel safe and they can make our neighborhoods feel welcoming," said DDOT Director Jeff Marootian. "This project will ensure that all of our neighborhoods have high quality street lighting that creates the visibility necessary to keep our transportation network safe for all who use it."

The project will also deploy Smart City technology (SCT), including Wireless Access Points that will expand the District broadband Wi-Fi network and serve as a platform for future uses and applications.

"Closing the digital divide is a key District priority that will improve education, economic development, and government efficiency," said Interim Chief Technology Officer Barney Krucoff. "We're glad to be a part of this project that will help us achieve those goals." As requested in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), Respondents provided statements of qualification (SOQs) describing their team's qualifications and approach to delivering the Project. The District evaluated the SOQs received based on the criteria in the RFQ and found the following teams to be the most highly qualified to deliver all aspects of the project:

- **DC Smart Lighting Partners II** (Star America Fund GP, Aldridge Electric, Fluor Enterprises, WSP, Chesapeake Electric Systems, Sharp & Company, Business Transformation Group)
- **MAB Smart Solutions** (Meridiam Smart Solutions, Ameresco, Broadspectrum Infrastructure, Parsons Transportation Group, C3M Power Systems, Monrad Engineering, L.S. Caldwell & Associates, S2N Technology Group)
- **Plenary Infrastructure DC** (Plenary Group USA Concessions, Kiewit Development Company, OpTerra Energy Services, Mass Electric Company, Indigo Mid-Atlantic, Engie Services)

"We want to thank all eleven teams who participated in the RFQ stage," said Seth Miller Gabriel, Director of DC OP3. *"The robust competition presented a number of good options and we're excited to continue the procurement on this important project with this strong shortlist."*

Final technical and performance specifications as well as commercial terms are currently under development and will be included in the RFP following public engagement and Council review of the draft RFP. Information about the Project can be found at http://op3.dc.gov/streetlights.

DC OP3 is charged with building collaborations between the private sector and District government to deliver major infrastructure projects and other public services though longterm, performance-based agreements. The Office was established by the Public-Private Partnership Act of 2014, which was authored by Mayor Muriel Bowser, and launched in November 2015. For more information, please visit <u>op3.dc.gov</u>.

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