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National P3 Update: Higher Education and Social Infrastructure

We have written about how the public-private partnership (P3) project delivery model can and should be used to meet infrastructure needs. Because P3s are constantly being considered and tested all over the country, we wanted to provide an update on the status of these projects so that interested stakeholders can easily keep an eye on the market overall. Our first installment of the National P3 Update will focus on higher education and social infrastructure P3s. We will issue more updates on these projects, as well as updates on projects in other industry sectors.

Travis County Civil and Family Courts Facility P3: The Travis County Courthouse P3 reached financial close on May 9, 2019. The facility, located in Austin, Texas, is a 430,000 square foot civil and family court facility that is set to be complete in 2022.

Santa Rosa Junior College Student Housing P3: Santa Rosa Junior College selected Servitas as its preferred bidder for its student housing P3. The project is to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain a 360-student housing facility. The other shortlisted developers were Greystar and the Michaels Organization.

Vanderbilt University Student Housing: Vanderbilt selected Lendlease as its preferred bidder to design, built, operate, and maintain a graduate and professional student housing village.

Miami-Dade County Courthouse P3: Miami-Dade County shortlisted three respondents for its Civil and Probate Courthouse P3—teams led by Meridiam/EllisDon, Plenary, and Sacyr. The County will issue a RFP in the coming weeks, with responses due by the end of July.

California State University, Fresno Central Heating and Cooling Plant Modernization P3: Fresno State shortlisted four respondents for its Central Heating and Cooling Plant Modernization P3 in April 2019. The shortlisted teams include Bulldog Energy Alliance, Bulldog Infrastructure Group, Plenary Utilities Fresno, and Victor E. Energy Partners. The project is for the design, build, finance, and maintenance of a central utility plant, ancillary infrastructure, and implementation of energy efficiency upgrades all over campus. A RFP is to be issued this fall.

Alabama Department of Corrections P3: The Alabama Department of Corrections is analyzing five responses to its Request for Expressions of Interest for the construction of three new prison facilities. The respondents were tasked with identifying the scope of the agreement. A RFQ will be issued this quarter, with a RFP to be issued in the fall.

Dartmouth Heating P3: Dartmouth College received responses to the Request for Qualifications for its Heating Plant and Distribution System project in late April. Three of the teams that submitted were Fengate/Ameresco/WorleyParsons, Kiewit/Enwave, and Merdiiam/ENGIE North America. The project is to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a thermal generation facility that will be powered by a renewable fuel source, as well as a new hot water distribution system. The shortlist is expected to come out in June, with issuance of a RFP in September and selection in 2020.

City of Los Angeles Civic Center P3: The City of Los Angeles issued a Request for Qualifications for the Los Angeles Civic Center P3 on April 2, 2019. Responses are due on May 28, 2019. The project is a design, build, finance, operate, and maintain that will include a government office facility, childcare center, and conference center. The city expects to issue a RFP at the end of 2019, with responses due in the beginning of 2020 and award and execution of a project agreement at the end of 2020.

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