

Notice is given to the public of an application filed by Global Connection Inc. of America (Global Connection) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) on December 2, 2019, to its relinquish designations as an eligible wireline telecommunications carrier and a resale-eligible telecommunications provider.

Docket Title: Application of Global Connection Inc. of America to Relinquish its Designations as a Resale-Eligible Telecommunications Provider and a Wireline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, Docket Number 50301.

The Application: Global Connection notified the commission that it seeks to relinquish its eligible wireline telecommunications carrier and resale-eligible telecommunications provider designations in service areas in which customers will have competitive provider or carrier options. The designated wire centers were included in attachment 1 to the application. Global Connection informed the commission that it will no longer provide wireline telecommunications services in the State of Texas. Global Connection stated that it provided written notice, on November 25, 2019, of the discontinuance to customers, which is at least 90 days before the relinquishment.

Persons wishing to comment on the action sought should contact the commission by mail at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or by phone at (512) 936-7120 or toll free at (888) 782-8477 as a deadline to intervene may be imposed. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. All comments should reference Docket Number 50301.

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### Request for Comments on Revised Forms for Rate Filing Packages Used by Investor-Owned Water and Sewer Utilities

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) requests comments on proposed revisions to the application forms used by investor-owned water and sewer electric utilities to request changes in rates regulated by the commission. The proposed forms can be found on the commission's website under "Filings," using Control Number 49704.

Comments on the proposed forms may be submitted to the Filing Clerk, Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Sixteen copies of comments on the forms are required to be filed. Comments on the forms are due January 6, 2020. Comments should be organized in a manner consistent with the organization of the forms. All comments should refer to Project Number 49704. Questions concerning Project Number 49704 should be directed to Heidi Graham, Infrastructure Division, at (512) 936-7139. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136.

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### Teacher Retirement System of Texas

### Report of Fiscal Transactions, Accumulated Cash and Securities, and Rate of Return on Assets and Actuary's Certification of Actuarial Valuation and Actuarial Value of Future Benefits

*(Editor's note: In accordance with Texas Government Code, §2002.014, which permits the omission of material which is "cumbersome, expensive, or otherwise inexpedient," this document is not included in the print version of the Texas Register. The document is available in the on-line version of the December 13, 2019, issue of the Texas Register.)*

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### Texas Department of Transportation

#### Request for Qualifications

Pursuant to the authority granted under Transportation Code, Chapter 223, Subchapter F (enabling legislation), the Texas Department of Transportation (department), may enter into, in each state fiscal biennium, up to six design-build contracts for the design, construction, expansion, extension, related capital maintenance, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a highway project with a construction cost estimate of \$150 million or more. The enabling legislation authorizes private involvement in design-build projects and provides a process for the department to solicit proposals for such projects. Transportation Code §223.245 prescribes requirements for issuance of a request for qualifications (RFQ) and requires the department to publish a notice of such issuance in the *Texas Register*. The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) adopted Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Chapter 9, Subchapter I relating to design-build contracts (the rules). The enabling legislation, as well as the rules, govern the submission and processing of qualifications statements (QSs), and provide for the issuance of an RFQ that sets forth the basic criteria for qualifications, experience, technical competence, and ability to develop a proposed project and such other information the department considers relevant or necessary.

The commission has authorized the issuance of an RFQ to design, construct, and potentially maintain Segment 3 of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (Project) in Harris County, Texas. The Project will consist of non-tolled improvements including: (1) realigning I-45 away from the Pierce Elevated to be parallel with I-10 and I-69 from the existing I-45 interchange with I-10 to the existing I-45 interchange with I-69; (2) the construction of connectors providing access between local downtown streets and I-10, I-45, and I-45 non-tolled managed lanes; (3) depressing and widening I-69 from the SH 288 interchange to I-10; (4) reconstructing the I-69 interchanges with I-45 and I-10; (5) reconstructing I-10 general purpose lanes and adding new non-tolled managed lanes from west of I-45 to east of I-69 through downtown Houston; (6) reconstructing the I-10 interchange with I-45; (7) reconstructing SH 288 from south of I-69 to the I-45 interchange; and (8) reconstructing the SH 288 interchange with I-69.

The Project has an estimated design-build cost of approximately \$3.6 billion.

Through this notice, which supersedes and replaces the notice published in the *Texas Register* on December 28, 2018, the department is seeking QSs from teams interested in entering into a design-build

contract and, potentially, a capital maintenance contract. The department intends to evaluate any QS received in response to the RFQ and may request submission of detailed proposals, potentially leading to the negotiation, award, and execution of a design-build contract, and potentially, a capital maintenance contract. The department will accept for consideration any QS received in accordance with the enabling legislation, the rules, and the RFQ, on or before the deadline in this notice. The department anticipates issuing the RFQ, receiving and evaluating the QSs, developing a shortlist of proposing entities or consortia, and issuing a request for proposals (RFP) to the shortlisted entities. After review and a best value evaluation of the responses to the RFP, the department may negotiate and enter into a design-build contract and potentially, a capital maintenance contract, for the Project.

**RFQ Evaluation Criteria.** QSs will be evaluated by the department for shortlisting purposes using the following general criteria: project qualifications and experience, statement of technical approach, and safety qualifications. The specific criteria under the foregoing categories will be identified in the RFQ, as will the relative weighting of the criteria.

**Release of RFQ and Due Date.** The department currently anticipates that the RFQ will be available on December 13, 2019. Copies of the RFQ will be available at the following website:

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/debt/strategic-projects/alternative-delivery/nhhip-seg3/rfq.html>

QSs will be due by 12:00 p.m. (noon) CST on April 29, 2020, at the address specified in the RFQ.

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