



The I-85 Travel Solutions Partners

The I-85 Travel Solutions Partners include the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the South Carolina Department of Commerce, the Federal Highway Administration, the Greenville – Spartanburg International Airport and BMW. The general contractor is United Contractors and U.S. Constructors. The contractor has assembled a very capable team for this project comprised of some of the best management, engineering, construction, and coordination professionals in the Carolinas. Most of the team member firms have recently and successfully worked together on several design-build projects in South Carolina, including the Southern Connector, Bobby Jones Expressway, and the Carolina Bays Parkway Phase II. The I-85 Access Improvements is a challenging project, yet one that is well suited for the design-build organization of the I-85 Travel Solutions Team.

The project team is organized in such a manner as to effectively and efficiently accomplish the various phases of the project. The assurance of a successful project comes first from the professionals involved and their commitment to the project.

United Contractors, Inc. has assembled a team of companies to provide a safe, high-quality, cost-effective solution for the I-85 Access Project from SC 14 to South of SC 101 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. United is functioning as

the lead organization and contracting entity for the I-85 Travel Solutions Team and will be supported by uniquely qualified team member firms that include: U.S. Constructors, Wilbur Smith Associates, Florence & Hutcheson, Inc., and Triplett-King & Associates, Inc.

Our team's historical performance is second to none and our design-build experience in South Carolina is unparalleled. The professionals at United and U.S. Constructors have managed and constructed a significant portion of the roadway and bridge infrastructure in South Carolina. As pre-qualified unlimited general contractors, both firms have extensive experience in managing and completing all of the work elements associated with the I-85 Access Improvement Project. Provided below are brief overviews of the lead organization and primary members of the United I-85 Team that illustrate the Team's combined qualifications and experience:

United Contractors, Inc.

United Contractors is responsible for managing and completing bridge construction activities. United's organization in Chester, SC, originated in the 1920s with Mr. F. A. Triplett; the firm's current management and field supervision dates back to 1950 with F.A. Triplett, Inc., James T. Triplett, Inc., and L.R. Ryan, Inc. The company's exemplary track record and proven capability is measured by the successful completion of over 200 bridges in the last five years. United has successfully participated in nine design-build projects - four as the prime contractor and five as a team member/major subcontractor – as well as numerous partnering, value engineering, emergency repair, and other traditional design-bid-build projects in the southeast.

U.S. Constructors, Inc.,

U.S Constructors Inc. is responsible for the management and construction of the roadways associated with the project. U.S. Constructors is a pre-qualified unlimited general contractor incorporated in October of 2001. The company performs roadway construction and project management on several major SCDOT projects. As a highway construction company, U.S. Constructors primarily focuses on multi-tasked projects that involve bridgework. In this capacity, the firm acts as the road building division of United Contractors through its close affiliation and common ownership. Although the company is relatively young, its principals and employees have worked together for over 30 years with other firms in South Carolina.

For this project, U.S. Constructors is coordinating all aspects of the roadway construction and will be closely involved with the final roadway design, utility relocations, traffic control, staging/sequencing, and erosion control. The firm's unique ability to recognize and implement cost- and timesaving approaches for the two interchanges will greatly benefit the team, SCDOT, and the public.

Morgan Corporation

Morgan Corp. is assisting with roadway construction management, surveying, earthmoving, and drainage. Morgan Corp. is a pre-qualified unlimited general contractor from Duncan, SC, with extensive and recent experience with Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, BMW, and the SCDOT

Wilbur Smith Associates

Wilbur Smith Associates is functioning as the lead design engineering firm with additional duties in utility coordination and QC support. Wilbur Smith Associates is a multidisciplinary consulting firm that provides professional services in the fields of engineering, planning, design, site development, economic analysis, strategy/policy development, and environmental studies primarily for transportation-related projects. Established in 1952, Wilbur Smith Associates is

a 100% employee-owned corporation that is recognized worldwide as a world-class engineering firm and enjoys an outstanding reputation for technical expertise, responsiveness to client needs, and innovative approaches to meeting transportation challenges.

Florence & Hutcheson, Inc.

Florence & Hutcheson, Inc. is leading the project's integrated quality control, inspection, and testing activities and supports the overall design efforts. F&H has provided comprehensive civil engineering services to clients across the southeast since its founding in 1965. The company currently employs approximately 170 employees and serves clients in ten states from offices located in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. F&H specialize in completing transportation, structural, industrial, site development, and water/sewer engineering projects. F&H provides virtually all services required to advance any type of civil engineering project from conception through construction. Specific services include engineering for design/build; planning/engineering studies; design; surveying; geotechnical investigation; construction engineering; and inspection and testing.

Triplett-King & Associates, Inc.

Triplett-King & Associates, Inc. performs quality control program activities and inspection services, specifically geared towards integration with the construction team. Triplett-King was formed in 1997 by James E. Triplett, P.E., and W. Merritt King, P.E., in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and primarily focuses on highway bridge design and bridge inspection services for the SCDOT. Since its founding, Triplett-King has completed over 50 bridge design and bridge inspection projects throughout South Carolina and has worked exclusively with United and U.S.

Constructors on several previous design-build projects, including the \$41 million I-520 Bobby Jones Expressway in Aiken County.

THE LPA Group, Inc.

Founded in 1981 by Glen Lott, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Ed Parrish, President and Chief Operating Officer, THE LPA GROUP has established a reputation for personalized service and innovative transportation solutions.

Operating through its 18 offices located throughout the southern United States, the firm provides engineering, architectural, planning and environmental services for the development of airports, roads, and bridges.

Other Partners of the I-85 Travel Solutions Team

In addition to the team member firms mentioned above, the I-85 Travel Solutions Team also consist of the following highly -qualified sub-contractors

- ◆ Ashmore Brothers and F&R Asphalt for asphalt paving.
- ◆ A.H. Beck and Treviicos South for drilled shafts foundations.
- ◆ Eagle Grooving, Len Hazen Painters, and Doyle Painting for deck grooving and bridge coatings.
- ◆ Protection Services for traffic control.
- ◆ SMI and Ameristeel for reinforcing steel.
- ◆ Standard Concrete and Florence Concrete for prestressed concrete beams and piles.
- ◆ Augusta Iron and Carolina Steel for structural steel beams.
- ◆ Chapman Concrete and Metromont Concrete for precast and ready-mix concrete products.
- ◆ A.M. Tuck for box culverts and barrier walls.
- Eddins Electric for signs, signals, etc.
- ◆ Vulcan Materials and Hanson for aggregates.
- Marshall Landscaping for roadway landscaping services.
- ◆ MPrints for the coordination of all media and public relations activities.

- ◆ Sanitary Plumbing Contractors for concrete box culverts, retaining walls, and specialty concrete work.
- ◆ Sanitary Plumbing Contractors and Marshall Landscaping for temporary and permanent vegetation.
- ◆ Boss Construction and Watts Barrier Walls for slip-formed concrete barrier walls.
- ◆ Prince Welding & Fabrication and Lockman Construction Company for permanent metal decking.
- ◆ James Murrell Reinforcements, State Contracting, and National Erectors for reinforcing steel.
- ◆ New Con Construction and P&L Erosion Control for grading and erosion control items.
- ◆ Taylor Guardrail and The Sharon Company for steel beam guardrail.
- Tri-State Traffic Safety for traffic control devices and services.

A *primary strength* of this project stems from the exemplary track records of the professionals involved – the project directors, project manager, design and construction managers, specialty subcontractors and subconsultants, and the suppliers. United and U.S. Constructors has committed the professional staff and crews to complete the construction in a quality manner with their collective workforce of 300 employees and 200 major pieces of bridge and road building equipment. Our highly trained workforce of 25 crews is well versed in design-build work and most of them have lived and worked in the Greenville/Spartanburg area for many years.