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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AWARD CONTRACTOR FOR WELD COUNTY ROAD 49 DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT TO INTERSTATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION**

WELD COUNTY, CO – On Wednesday, the Weld County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the recommendation from staff to enter into a contract with Interstate Highway Construction (IHC) for the WCR 49 Corridor Design-Build Project. This contract is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$109,589,267.51.

Using the county's best value process, the Department of Public Works, County Attorney's Office, County Purchasing Department and consultants from Atkins, the County's Owner's Representative, reviewed and scored the shortlisted firm's proposals from Flatiron/Scott, AECOM and IHC. After considering proposals, interviews, and best and final offers, the cross-disciplinary team identified IHC as receiving the highest score. Based on all the information received, county staff is confident IHC will provide the highest quality, most cost effective, and most successful project overall.

"This is a historic day for Weld County as we move forward with the safety improvement projects for the WCR 49 Corridor," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. "The Board has full confidence in staff and IHC to complete this project."

Weld County chose the Design-Build method for the WCR 49 Corridor because it offers specific benefits including cost savings resulting from:

- A shorter project timeline that reduces lane closures and motorist inconvenience
- Quality-control activities and risks are transferred to the contractor reducing construction, engineering and inspection costs for Weld County
- Earlier identification and elimination of design errors leading to fewer change orders
- Well-organized communication between design, construction, engineering, and team members across all disciplines throughout the project

"This has been a huge undertaking, and the commissioners would like to congratulate each person involved in the process for their hard work," said Commissioner Sean Conway, coordinator for Public Works. "This project will be the largest construction project in the 154-year history of Weld County."

To receive more information about the WCR 49 Corridor Project, sign up for digital updates at [www.weldgov.com](http://www.weldgov.com).

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