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Mobility Authority Gets Regional Bond Deal of the Year Award

AUSTIN, Texas – Nov. 9, 2005 – *The Bond Buyer*, a prestigious national financial publication, is recognizing the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority for its unique \$233 million bond issue to fund the 183A toll project in western Williamson County. *The Bond Buyer* has named the 11.6-mile, 183A project the "Bond Deal of the Year" in the southwest United States.

The Mobility Authority is among five regional award winners. *The Bond Buyer* will name a national "Bond Deal of the Year" award winner from among those five at a ceremony on December 6, 2005, in New York City. Other regional award winners include the Nassau Health Care Corporation in New York, the Detroit Retirement System Funding Corporation, the Louisiana Transportation Authority and the San Jose Regional Development Authority in California.

Scheduled to open to traffic in March 2007, 183A is the first project to be financed and constructed by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority. The 11.6-mile roadway extends from U.S. 183 at RM 620 to U.S. 183, north of Leander. The road will feature a state of the art electronic toll collection system that will allow customers to drive continuously on the roadway without slowing down or stopping at toll plazas. The project is being designed and built by Hill Country Constructors under a comprehensive development agreement with the Mobility Authority. The existing US 183 will remain toll free.

More information about the "Bond Deal of the Year" award can be found at <u>www.bondbuyer.com</u>.