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Virginia Extends Contract for Maintenance of Highways

Richmond, VA – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has extended its existing contract with VMS, Inc. to maintain 250 miles of Virginia's highways. VMS, Inc., a Virginia-based company that uses a nationally-recognized innovative management approach in maintaining highway and roadway assets such as pavements, bridges and tunnels, got its start in Virginia, and now has contracts in six states and the District of Columbia.

In 1996, VMS and VDOT signed a comprehensive agreement that gave VMS fence-to-fence maintenance responsibility for 250 miles on Interstates 95, 77, 81 and 381. The five and one-half year, fixed-price contract with VDOT was the first interstate highway asset management project in the nation. With the contract extension, VMS will continue its responsibility for the same highways through July 2007 for the fixed-price of \$162 million. The contract extension reflects the same cost per lane mile for maintenance as the original contract.

While new federal and state mandated standards have added to the cost of maintaining Virginia's highways the company is expected to save VDOT \$33 million over the next five years. Some of these new standards include the requirement of contractors to dispose of woodchips at landfills, making improvements to guardrails, adding rumble strips along all highways, and bringing all light structures up to current specification.

The privatized highway asset management concept was first implemented in Virginia, where VMS has been contracted to provide maintenance work such as bridge repairs, pavement replacement, pothole repair and snow removal. VMS is currently providing its highway asset management services in six states and the District of Columbia on over 3,000 lane miles of highway, 790 bridges, and 116 rest areas.

VMS encourages businesses and individuals to participate in its innovative partnerships by submitting bids for contract work. Anyone wishing to be advised of bid solicitations may call the VMS Corporate Office at 1-888-547-4404.

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