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**FINLEY PROVIDES BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FIRST
“EXTRADOSED” BRIDGE DESIGN IN TEXAS**

Tallahassee, FL (June 27, 2012). Finley Engineering Group, Inc. (FINLEY) will provide construction engineering services beginning this summer to Lane Construction Corporation for the new I-35 bridges over the Brazos River in Waco, Texas. The new bridges will be the first use of an “extradosed” design in Texas. This unique design will serve as a landmark for the region.

The two bridges will be 620-ft-long, three-lane bridges with a 250 foot main span that will include steel beams working in conjunction with pylons anchored by shallow-angled cables that will carry between 20% and 30% of the bridge load. Drilled shafts that are 10 ft in diameter and about 50 ft deep will serve as a foundation for the bridge. The shafts will transition into aesthetic columns and pylons and the beams rest on a continuously poured concrete cap that helps support the deck.

The new bridges will meet the City of Waco’s aesthetic requirements, create a one way continuous frontage road crossing over the Brazos River including sidewalks and overlooks for pedestrians, create additional ramps and U-turns at selected crossings and provide access to the future Baylor University sports complex.

“In the last 10 years, this bridge typology has become very popular and is more common internationally. It’s a cross between a cable stayed bridge and cantilever constructed prestressed box-girder bridges. This type of design is very efficient and aesthetically pleasing,” said Craig Finley, Managing Principal, FINLEY.

This \$212 million project is part of TxDOT’s widen of the I-35 corridor to a minimum of three lanes in each direction for approximately ten miles with uninterrupted access roads from San Antonio to the I-35 split north of Hillsboro. Construction is expected to begin in late Summer 2012 with the estimated completion date by the end of the year in 2015.

About FINLEY

FINLEY is recognized nationally and internationally as a leading design, engineering and construction consulting firm specializing in complex bridge projects of all kinds. More project information can be found at www.finleyengineeringgroup.com

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