

# Perot angles for piece of toll road

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As the state prepares to relinquish control of the Dallas North Tollway, close associates of billionaire Ross Perot are contemplating ways to convert the government facility into a private business enterprise.

Perot advisers told the *Dallas Business Journal* this week that a partnership formed by Perot last year is interested either in purchasing the public tollway or managing the \$30-million-a-year operation.



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Although a bidding war is not likely with Dallas County — which already is negotiating to acquire the tollway from the state — Perot advisers said they will approach government officials about an alternative deal.

“We’re definitely going to follow up along those lines,” said Larry Cain, general manager of the Perot partnership. “If the opportunity exists, we would be very interested.”

Cain said he has discussed a deal for the Dallas North Tollway in recent weeks with Ross Perot Jr., who man-