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Louisiana TIMED Program Opens Bids for Three Project Segments

BATON ROUGE, La --- The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) received bids totaling more than \$31 million in April 2003 for three TIMED construction project segments.

“The accelerated schedule of the TIMED Program has DOTD opening bids for construction every month over the next few years to ensure all construction is underway by 2008,” said Buddy Porta, DOTD TIMED Program spokesperson.

With a bid received on April 16 of \$14.9 million, R.E. Heidt Construction Company, Inc. was the apparent low bidder on the segment of U.S. 171 between Gillis and Ragley. Bids were received on two other segments on April 30. With a bid of \$13.4 million, James Corporation was the apparent low bidder on another segment of U.S. 171 between Longville and DeRidder and with a bid of \$2.7 million, Huey Stockstill was the apparent low bidder on a segment of LA 3241 between Interstate 12 and Bush.

Construction on each of these three projects is scheduled to begin later this year.

The TIMED (Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development) Program is the single largest transportation program in state history. The \$3.5 billion improvement program includes widening 500 miles of state highways to four lanes on 11 project corridors, widening and/or new construction on three major bridges and improvements to both the Port of New Orleans and Louis Armstrong International Airport. The program is designed to enhance economic development in Louisiana through an investment in transportation projects.

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