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Louisiana TIMED Program Opens Bids for Two Project Segments

BATON ROUGE, La --- The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Louisiana TIMED Managers (LTM) received bids totaling more than \$14.5 million in March 2003 for two TIMED construction project segments.

“The accelerated schedule of the TIMED Program means we are 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.

Bids for construction on West Napoleon Boulevard in New Orleans, between Roosevelt and Williams boulevards, were received on March 11, 2003, by Jefferson Parish. With a bid of \$4.7 million, Gilmore & Son Construction was the apparent low bidder for this segment of West Napoleon.

The LaDOTD received bids on March 26, 2003, for another project segment. Bids on U.S. 61 from Wakefield to the Mississippi state line were received, and W.E. Blain & Sons, Inc., was the apparent low bidder at \$9.8 million.

Construction on both segments will widen the roadways to four lanes and is scheduled to begin in summer 2003.

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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, rebuilding or widening 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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