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Winning bid on I-69 announced, clears way for additional work to begin

Project another part of completing the Corridor

WASHINGTON, Ind. - The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced today another Interstate 69 (I-69) contract in Daviess County has been awarded. In a joint venture, T.J. Lambrecht Construction and F.H. Paschen bid \$58.5 million to construct four lanes of new interstate roadway from the North Fork of Prairie Creek to County Road 1400 North.

Construction of this latest contract should begin later this summer and connect with other portions of Section 3 currently under construction.

In October 2009 Governor Daniels announced the acceleration of the design and construction of the I-69 corridor. "We continue to set the stage for turning dirt on a very large scale this year and for the remaining 65 miles in Sections 1, 2 and 3 to be under construction in 2011," said Sam Sarvis, Deputy Commissioner of Major Programs. "We will move forward to deliver on the Governor's aggressive goal set last fall to have all 67 miles of Sections 1, 2 and 3 open to traffic by the end of 2012." Currently there are six projects under contract in Gibson, Daviess and Greene counties.

As stated by Governor Daniels "I-69 means much more than simply a connection from Evansville to the rest of Indiana. It means new hope for all of southwest Indiana, for Princeton and Loogootee and Washington and for the great asset that the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center continues to be. It means jobs, it means promise and it means new prosperity for the young people of southwest Indiana and all of their counterparts across the state."

Sections 1, 2 and 3 of I-69 are part of Governor Mitch Daniels' Major Moves highway program. Major Moves capitalizes on Indiana's strategic location as the *Crossroads of America* by building a superior road infrastructure. This innovative plan will bring jobs to the Hoosier State and leave a legacy for Indiana to be a global leader in distribution and logistics.