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WVDOH awards contracts for Greenbrier County parks projects

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) announced recently that Tempo Construction LLC was awarded contracts to work on two parks projects in Greenbrier County. The contracts are from a bid letting conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023.

Tempo Construction LLC was awarded a contract for \$591,075.31 to build a hiking and biking trail and a pedestrian bridge across Howards Creek in White Sulphur Springs. The city of White Sulphur Springs was awarded a Transportation Alternatives grant through the WVDOH to fund the project.

Tempo Construction LLC was also awarded a contract for \$143,250.50 to build an approximately 20-car gravel parking lot for the Greenbrier River Trail. The Greenbrier River Trail Association was awarded a Recreational Trails Program grant through the WVDOH to fund the project.

For a list of other construction projects awarded by the WVDOH from the February bid letting, [click here](#).

Several factors are considered before awarding a bid, including whether a bid falls above or below the WVDOH Engineer's Estimate and by what percentage. In cases where a bid is above the Engineer's Estimate, WVDOH must consider the project need, repercussions of not awarding the project, additional funding sources, and whether sufficient reasons exist for the differences in estimates. Most projects are reviewed, analyzed, and awarded within a week of the bid letting, but the process can take longer. When the Division of Highways has a project that is determined to be best constructed by a contractor, it is processed through the bid letting system. A letting is a scheduled opportunity for contractors to review and bid on several construction projects at one time.

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4 Steps to Take When a Worker Is Injured on Your Construction Site

The construction industry continues to be one of the fastest-growing labor trades. According to the [Center for Construction Research and Training](#), since 2019, 11.4 million U.S. workers have been employed in construction, a 25% increase from 2011. Amid this growth, the industry has remained one of the most dangerous, and workers are often at higher risk of injuries and deaths due to occupational incidents. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are 150,000 injuries on construction work sites annually.

Under Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) law, employers have a responsibility to provide a safe work environment. That includes providing a workplace that is free of serious recognized hazards. Despite best efforts in implementing risk-mitigation and safety protocols, employers must be prepared with an incident procedure should an incident occur on a jobsite. Taking immediate, clear actions can impact the severity and outcome of injuries from a workplace incident. With this in mind, employers should take the lead in implementing safety procedures for injuries on construction sites and should inform all safety site managers and workers of the steps that should be taken.

Below are steps employers should consider following a workplace incident on a construction site:

STEP 1: Keep the injured worker calm and seek immediate medical attention.

First and foremost, it's important to keep the injured worker and all bystanders calm and take steps to control the area. When an incident initially occurs, an injured person may experience feelings of high stress, panic or a wave of emotions such as distress, anger or frustration. It is important that the injured individual and those around them try to remain calm in order to take stock of the surroundings, monitor those injured and help everyone make the best decisions they can in that situation.

If the injury hazard is still present in the area where the incident occurred, remove workers from the area and block it off to prevent other staff or bystanders from entering. Unless they are at immediate risk for further injury, do not move the injured individual until medical personnel arrive on the scene. Incidents on construction sites may vary in severity, and serious injuries should always be evaluated and treated by a medical professional.

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The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on WVDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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