

# GDOT Newsletter

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## Georgia DOT awarded 20 projects in May 2023

In May 2023, the Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) awarded 20 projects valued at approximately \$83,430,162. The largest project is a **resurfacing** project worth approximately \$10 million and was awarded to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. The project consists of milling, inlay, and plant mix resurfacing on 18.42 miles of State Route (SR) 30 from west of SR 15/SR 135 to the Tattnall County line in Montgomery and Toombs counties. This contract, along with two other resurfacing projects, represent 23 percent of the awarded funds.

There were eight **construction** projects which represent 35 percent of the awarded funds. The largest of these projects consists of construction of a roundabout at the intersection of SR 16 and SR 54 in Coweta County valued at \$7 million. All eight projects will construct roundabouts.

Six **bridge construction** projects represent 32 percent of the awarded funds. The projects include bridge construction on various roads in Brooks, Gordon, Jenkins, Macon, Meriwether and Polk counties. The largest of these projects, valued at \$9.35 million, consists of 0.469 miles of construction of a bridge and approaches on US 27 BUS/SR 1 BUS over Lake Creek in Polk County.

Two **Safety** projects represent 8 percent, or approximately \$7 million of the awarded funds. The projects include traffic signals upgrades at various locations along SR 3, SR 42 SPUR, SR 54 and SR 70 in Fulton County.

The remaining 2 percent is allotted for one **bridge rehabilitation** project.

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### 3 Reasons Contractors Should Hire More Women

National Center for Construction Education & Research findings highlight the critical roles of women in the industry

We need more of the right people for the construction industry to keep pace with project demand.

Statistics show that for every four people leaving the industry, only one enters. But keeping up is not just about numbers.

Recent research shows that women bring unique qualities to the jobsite that will help contractors improve project outcomes.

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#### 1. Improve Productivity

Three strengths, which contribute to improved productivity, were identified in the research. Three strengths, which contribute to improved productivity, were identified in the research.

1. **Attention to detail and following established processes.** Women tend to be more careful in executing their tasks with the required detailed specifications, which was mentioned in 69% of the focus groups.

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### About The GDOT

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on GDOT 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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