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Atlas wins contract for GDOT's railroad safety programme

Atlas Technical Consultants has received a \$15m contract from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in the US to support its railroad safety programme.

Under the contract, Atlas will deliver engineering and design and environmental services to rail crossings owned by the Class 1 rail operator in the state.

With an initial three-year term, the contract has an option for an extension of two years.

The main aim of GDOT's Railroad Safety Programme is to detect, reduce and avoid hazards at at-grade railroad crossings across the state.

Works will include the deployment of warning device equipment and crossing consolidation, as well as roadway and striping enhancements to crossing approaches and grade separations.

As part of the contract, the technical staff from Atlas will carry out field inventory of railroad crossings besides offering concept, preliminary, and final design plans for prioritised projects.

Furthermore, the company will prepare the studies of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Atlas CEO Joe Boyer said: "Atlas has partnered with GDOT for over 16 years, providing our full portfolio of services to various transit-related markets throughout the state.

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2023 Outlook on the Construction Industry and Liability Insurance

The U.S. construction industry is on a post-pandemic rally, with the sector spending [\\$1.7 trillion in October 2022](#)—that's 9.2% better than October 2021. Furthermore, the entire insurance liability market is expanding significantly, projected to grow from [\\$252.3 billion in 2021](#) to an estimated \$432.8 billion in 2028, according to Allied Market Research.

With more government money and more building projects in play going into 2023, one area where the construction industry is finding firm footing is with liability insurance, albeit with some major risks in play.

"The introduction of new construction materials coupled with a renewed emphasis on modular building, artificial intelligence, 3D printing, and wearable and drone technologies is not only expected to ease existing cost burdens but also speed construction processes while completing projects on time and within budgets," says insurance analyst Jeff Slivka in a [2022 research report by RT Specialty Environmental & Construction Professional Liability Practice](#).

Another boost is expected to come from President Joe Biden's \$1.2 trillion infrastructure spending plan, which says it "will deliver \$550 billion of new federal investments in America's infrastructure over five years, touching everything from bridges and roads to the nation's broadband, water and energy systems."

There is downside risk for construction firms seeking the best terms on a liability insurance deal.

"Current optimism should also be tempered in at least the near term by the effects of an environment filled with greater governmental scrutiny and regulatory guidelines," Slivka says. "Contractors are also facing double-digit increases in insurance premiums experienced in many lines of business, tighter underwriting standards and new exclusions covering the scope of communicable disease exposures."

"Even though these factors are slightly less impactful on the contractors professional liability insurance products, they'll influence liability insurance deals nonetheless," Slivka says.

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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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