

GDOT Awards \$60.8 Million in Construction Contracts



Georgia DOT has awarded 14 construction contracts for statewide transportation projects totaling \$60,807,761. These projects were advertised on October 19, bids were received

on November 16 and contracts were awarded to the lowest qualified bidder on November 30.

The largest single investment is a \$16.5 million contract to resurface and rehabilitate 31.7 miles of roadway on I-16/State Route 404 in Bulloch and Candler counties from the Emanuel County Line to west of SR 67. This contract was awarded to Interstate Improvement, Inc., and is one of eight resurfacing projects across the state, representing 56 percent of the awarded funds, or \$34.2 million.

A construction project to widen and reconstruct 1.88 miles of roadway on US 19/SR 3 from north of West County Road to Atwater Road in Upson County represents 25 percent of the awarded funds, or \$15 million. The remaining 34 percent of awarded funds – or \$21.7 million – include safety enhancement projects and bridge construction and rehabilitation at various locations throughout the state.

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<https://us13.campaignarchive.com/?u=80dbe14272ec0b5e1a1bf5b4e&id=5f213935eb>

Honoring Atlanta's Top 2018 Wins for Walking, Biking the City

For Atlantans who cherish the ability to safely walk, jog, bike, and scoot across the city, 2018 was a pretty big deal. From the edges of Clarkston to Bankhead's transit station, some ribbon-cuttings were splashy, headline-grabbing affairs this year. Other bike lanes and bridges opened with virtually no fanfare, which doesn't mean they aren't crucial to a growing, increasingly congested city.

Below are our favorite additions to Atlanta's pedestrian and biking infrastructure—both large and small, in the city's core and not—from a momentous 2018.

➤ Marietta Street Bike Lanes:

Finished this month, the City of Atlanta project has overhauled a 1.3-mile stretch of Marietta Street from the western edges of Georgia Tech to near the Georgia Aquarium, where buffered bike lanes installed last year were declared by People For Bikes the country's best new additions. The Marietta Street re-stripping, funded by \$2.2 million in Renew Atlanta funds, created a road diet with a center turn lane and dedicated five-foot lanes for cyclists.

➤ Proctor Creek Greenway:

In May, the initial stretch of the Proctor Creek Greenway was officially unveiled for public use—and a new multiuser gem was born.

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About the Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with GDOT as the statewide provider of the federally fund Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

Our goal is to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

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Adapt or Die: Assess & Evolve to Change the Construction Industry

How Hoar Construction's ERM approach to managing risk drives progress



"Adapt or Die," is arguably the most memorable line from the movie version of "Moneyball." The meaning of the quote and how it relates to business and risk

management is paramount—we must fight and overcome the current status quo if we want to change the industry. In construction, we continue to encounter challenges, such as shortages of a skilled workforce, fast-paced technology changes, economic impacts, trade partner liabilities, succession issues, and the ability to attract and retain top talent. Strong enterprise risk management (ERM) programs can help us manage these risk factors. It is no secret that construction risks are far too complex for traditional risk management methods to be effective. We all understand that risk is the cost of doing business for us, and we have embraced risk as our ally. In doing so, we have developed strategies that enable us to exploit risk to improve our company position, and we have methods in place to manage those risks that could have a negative impact on our company position. Our ability to continue to do these things collaboratively will give us a competitive advantage.

That is why the ERM strategy is rather simple; do not approach risk management as insurance, claims management and loss control. While each of those components is part of our ERM model and the overall bigger picture, for us, good risk management is much more. We have learned risk that affects one department often bleeds over to another and, in turn, impacts the company's strategic goals. For this reason, Hoar has spent

a great deal of time developing the framework for an ERM program, which aligns with our culture, our vision and our core values.

Why ERM? Because ERM is a holistic approach that allows us to focus on all our risks—such as legal, insurance, finance, safety, quality and claims. A focus on each of these components allows for the breakdown of the barriers that exist when each operates independently. Viewed holistically, these components tie together to support Hoar's lifeline—operations. Each of our risk areas brings a key stakeholder to the table to collaborate on a consistent basis to ensure various business risks are identified and assessed, and that proper strategies are put in place to mitigate the exposures.

One key factor in our smart risk strategy is the utilization of analytics and data to drive Hoar's mission. While we have historically relied on data as a driver, we have broadened the categories of data collected over several years to allow us to focus on key risk points. For instance, in the past, we focused on severe or frequent injury and incident data, which helped us improve our Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable statistics. We were able to improve those statistics from a double-digit statistic to a single-digit statistic in under 5 years.

Read Excerpt: <https://www.constructionbusinessowner.com/strategy/adapt-or-die-assess-evolve-change-construction-industry>

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