

Top Highway Projects

Ten TxDOT Projects Worth More Than \$1 Billion



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Williams Brothers Construction Co. of Houston continues to lead the pack with the top three projects on the list awarded to the firm. The three contracts are all part of Houston's Katy Freeway Reconstruction Project, which encompasses a 20-mi. stretch of IH-10 from its intersection with IH-610 west to the city of Katy. The nine-contract project broke ground in June of 2003, and is scheduled for completion in 2009. Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc. is serving as the project's general engineering consultant. A fourth project on this list, awarded to Balfour Beatty Construction, is also part of the Katy Freeway project.

It should be noted that Zachry Construction Corp. of San Antonio and J.D. Abrams LP of Austin, while not represented on this list because they did not have projects that broke ground in 2005, are among the state's most active highway construction firms. >>

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With the nation celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Interstate Highway System this month, and Texas continuing to set the national pace for highway construction, it seems particularly timely that *Texas Construction* publish the following list of the state's top highway construction projects. Each of the top 10 projects is worth more than \$50 million in contract value, and work started in 2005.

Like our Top Projects feature, the ranking is by contract value of the top projects that broke ground in the previous year.

Together the 10 projects are worth more than \$1 billion and represent contracts in two major metropolitan areas of the state as well as West and East Texas.