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### **Johnson County US-69 Reconstruction Project Contract Awarded**

On **Tuesday, May 26, 2009**, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) formally awarded the contract for the US-69 reconstruction project in Johnson County to Clarkson Construction Company for \$82.3 million, which is under the estimated construction project cost of \$91 million.

A total of three bids were submitted for the US-69 reconstruction project which included Clarkson Construction Company, Kansas City, MO, for a bid of \$82,277,487.17; Walsh Construction Company, Chicago, IL, for a bid of \$85,215,511.15; and Miles Excavating, Inc. & Affiliate, Basehor, KS, for a bid of \$98,851,005.78. Now as a next step in the contract process, KDOT will draft a project contract to be signed by both KDOT and the contractor, Clarkson Construction Company. Once the contract is finalized with signatures by both parties, then project construction scheduling will begin.

The US-69 reconstruction project includes the complete rebuilding of US-69 from north of 103rd Street to I-35 in Johnson County. Project improvements include the rebuilding of Lenexa Drive from 84th Terrace to Farley, and the widening of northbound and southbound US-69 from two lanes to three lanes in each direction, from north of 103rd Street to I-35, as well as improvements to the US-69/95th Street interchange. New designated exit lanes for 75th Street will move traffic off of I-35 sooner and will utilize the existing tunnel that was constructed as part of the 87th Street/I-35 interchange project in Lenexa.

Construction for the US-69 project is scheduled to begin in mid-summer 2009, with a final tentative completion date of fall 2011. The US-69 reconstruction project is a cooperative effort, funded in part by the Kansas Department of Transportation, using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funds, and the City of Overland Park.

For more information on the US-69 reconstruction project, please contact Kimberly Qualls,  
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