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COLORADO SELECTS CONTRACTORS FOR FIRST RECOVERY ACT-FUNDED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Gov. Bill Ritter announced today that the Colorado Department of Transportation opened contractor bids on the first five transportation projects to be funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“This is a major step forward for Colorado,” Gov. Ritter said. “Construction is expected to begin on these projects in the next month, and that means jobs saved and jobs created for Colorado workers. We continue to move as quickly, efficiently and effectively as possible to ensure the Recovery Act is doing what it is intended to do.”

“It was very positive to see such competitive bidding on our first round of ARRA projects,” said CDOT Executive Director Russ George. “The project bids came in an average of 12 percent lower than expected. If this trend continues, we may be able to accumulate enough funding to add more construction projects to our list.”

The contractor with the lowest bid that meets/exceeds or makes a good faith effort to meet the goals for subcontracting a specified percentage of its work to disadvantaged businesses is awarded the project. The projects and apparent low bidding contractors include:

- **I-25 between 6th Avenue and 23rd Avenue in Denver County**, resurfaces approximately three miles of I-25 in asphalt. Total project budget: \$5.5 million. Bid amount: \$2.8 million. Contractor: Brannan Sand and Gravel Company.
- **I-70 between Kipling and Wadsworth Boulevard in Jefferson County**, repairs or replaces concrete slabs for approximately three miles of I-70. Total project budget: \$1.8 million. Bid Amount: \$1.4 million. Contractor: New Design Construction.
- **State Highway 88 (Bellevue Avenue) between Federal Boulevard and US 85 in Arapahoe County**, resurfaces approximately one mile of SH 88 in asphalt. Total project budget: \$1.2 million. Bid amount: \$407,400. Contractor: Aggregate Industries.
- **US 40 (Colfax Avenue) between Kipling and Sheridan in Jefferson County**, resurfaces approximately three miles of US 40. Total project budget: \$4.7 million. Bid amount: \$2.1 million. Contractor: Asphalt Paving Company.
- **I-70 Vail Pass to Silverthorne in Eagle and Summit counties**, resurfaces 14 miles of I-70 from milepost 190 to 204 and the right lane of eastbound I-70 from milepost 180 to 190. The project also rehabilitates numerous bridges along the I-70 corridor by repairing expansion joints and making repairs to the bridge decks. Total project budget: \$11.5 million (\$8 million in ARRA funds). Bid Amount: \$6.8 million. Contractor: Asphalt Paving Company.

(Total project budget includes items such as construction engineering, utilities, uniformed traffic control, right of way, fuel cost adjustments and unexpected construction field changes or modifications.)

Colorado will receive more than \$400 million for transportation projects and \$103 million for transit projects through the Recovery Act.

For detailed information about all of the Recovery Act projects CDOT will manage, including project descriptions, amount of funds dedicated to the project, project status and photos, visit www.dot.state.co.us/arra/.

For additional information about how Colorado is putting the Recovery Act to work, visit www.colorado.gov/recovery.

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