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INDOT Disagrees with Contract Awards Figures in Media Reports

Awards Totaled \$223 million as of early May

INDIANAPOLIS – INDOT believes the figures shown in the Friday, May 29, edition of the Indianapolis Star regarding ARRA contract awards are not accurate.

As of early May, Indiana had awarded contracts for ARRA-funded projects totaling \$223 million, not the \$1.8 million referenced in the article.

The Indianapolis Star reprinted an article from the USA Today (“Hard Hit and Left Out”) that purports to show Indiana has only awarded contracts valued at \$1,826,718 as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“The article does not reference the date when the information was lifted from a federal database,” Bruce Childs, deputy commissioner for communications for INDOT, said. “That would, we believe, be the best indicator of old, out-of-date information.”

Childs said he had been unsuccessful in capturing the database of information from which that figure was taken.

INDOT is continuing to press forward with more bid openings that will lead to additional contract awards for additional work and that create additional jobs.

There was a bid opening on May 20. Those contracts are being finalized.

There are two bid letting dates in June on the 3rd and the 24th.

And, the list of projects for the July letting is being put together.

“All of this will only increase the significant effort being made by INDOT to approve projects that represent a variety of work -- from bridge deck overlays and bridge painting, to preventative maintenance, to transportation enhancement projects -- that create jobs for Hoosiers all across the state,” Childs said.