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## **SPECIAL NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:**

### **BID Opening**

All bidders –PLEASE TAKE NOTE!-- Unless the federal government takes the necessary steps to ensure the availability of federal funds for the remaining fiscal year **prior to 12:00 p.m. on February 25, 2010**, the scheduled February 26, 2010 bid opening will be Postponed/Withdrawn until further notice.

**If necessary, the final Notice to Postpone/Withdraw the scheduled February 26, 2010 bid opening will be posted at 12:00 p.m. on February 25, 2010.**

As many of you are aware, the Surface Transportation Act, titled SAFETEA-LU, which provides \$42 billion per year nationally in federal funding for highway and bridge projects to cities, counties and states, expired on September 30, 2009. The U.S. Congress provided for an extension of SAFETEA-LU, but funded it at \$30 billion per year. MoDOT, like other State Departments of Transportation, developed its highway program with the assumption that Congress would fully fund the federal program at, or above, the SAFETEA-LU level. This action by Congress has not happened.

Congress has until February 28, 2010 to correct the shortfall in transportation funding. If Congress takes no action by February 28 to correct the federal funding shortfall, MoDOT and other State DOTs will have to make adjustments to their existing highway programs. The impact to MoDOT, cities and counties will be a reduction of \$250 million in federal funds for the remainder of this fiscal year. This lack of action directly affects the scheduled highway bid openings at MoDOT through the May 21, 2010 bid opening. Because the February 26, 2010 bid opening is prior to the February 28 deadline for Congress to address the federal funding shortfall, MoDOT believes it is prudent to postpone or withdraw the February 26, 2010 bid opening until Congress has acted on the federal level for highway and bridge funding.

If you have any questions related to MoDOT's bid opening schedules, please feel free to contact Dave Nichols, director of program delivery, at 573-751-4586 or email at: david.nichols@modot.mo.gov

Link to the projects scheduled in the February 26, 2010 bid opening:

[http://www.modot.org/eBidLettingPublicWeb/viewStream.do?documentType=general\\_info&key=1198](http://www.modot.org/eBidLettingPublicWeb/viewStream.do?documentType=general_info&key=1198)