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MoDOT's efforts to complete highway projects on time and within budget saved Missouri taxpayers \$135 million last year. The cost savings can be attributed to the department's efficiency, as well as to increased competition in the construction industry. For the fiscal year that ended June 30, MoDOT awarded 461 projects totaling \$1.3 billion. Those projects came in 9 percent under budget for a savings of more than \$135 million. The cost savings are used to tackle additional highway projects.

MoDOT's emergency communications network, which helps people communicate during disasters, has received an international award for innovation and technology. The network includes three mobile trailers that have enough power, office space, computers, telephones, radios, food and water for eight people for a week.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to check back every Tuesday for new information.