

Top Projects

Texas Lists the **Biggest Groundbreakings** in Texas



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Public and private investment in Texas is strong and the Texas industry is bustling. On the following pages are two lists: the top 30 public and private building projects that broke ground in 2006 and the top 10 highway starts.

The lists show just how vibrant the economy is all across the state.

Each year, Texas Construction scans the state to identify the largest highway projects and public and private building projects that broke ground in the previous year. In the pages that follow you will find both rankings. First, the top 30 public and private building projects. Second, the top

10 highway starts in the state.

The editorial team works with TxDOT, surveys contractors and utilizes McGraw-Hill Construction's project database, the Network to develop an initial list.

From the research, a list of projects over \$50 million is cultivated. At that point, all the information is verified. Key players are identified, construction values confirmed and descriptions of the projects developed.

In the process, there are always some owners who prefer to keep their project information confidential. In addition, it is difficult to get 100 % inclusion in such a big state with so many busy contractors. Every effort was made to obtain accurate and complete project information.

The lists demonstrate a strong construction marketplace in Texas. In the building ranking, the most exciting start for the state is the number 1 Dallas Cowboys' Stadium. But the list is rich with challenging projects from the Fort Bliss expansion to the new indoor waterpark at Great Wolf Lodge.

Highway work is active all over the state. The top of the list is a \$153.5 million 4-lane interchange in Bowie County. Austin Bridge and Road has the contract. Work began last October. >>