



## ARDOT: Monthly Updates and Insights November 2024



### ARDOT Awards First of Four Projects Extending Interstate 49 near Fort Smith

The first of four projects to construct the next portion of Interstate 49 (I-49), between Highway 22 in Barling and Interstate 40 (I-40) in Alma (I-49 Extension), was awarded to Manhattan Road & Bridge for \$282.5 million.

The Department's design consultant is HNTB Corporation.

This first phase of the I-49 Extension, Job 040901, will construct a 3.1-mile stretch of I-49 between Highway 22 and Gun Club Road. It is being funded by a combination of regular Federal-aid highway funding, Federal grant funding, Congressionally Designated Spending, and state funds.

"I-49 is a critical corridor of our nation's transportation system," said U.S. Senator John Boozman.

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### INVESTING IN AMERICA: U.S. Department of Transportation Celebrates Creation of More Than 1.7 Million Construction and Manufacturing Jobs, 700,000 Transportation Sector Jobs, Since the Start of the Biden- Harris Administration

Today, the U.S. Department of Transportation is celebrating the historic opportunity of President Biden's Investing in America agenda and the more than 1.7 million construction and manufacturing jobs, and over 700,000 transportation sector jobs that have been created since the start of the Biden-Harris Administration. Removing residential construction jobs from the total, more than 1.3 million construction and manufacturing jobs have been created

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## How to Build the Perfect Construction Logistics Plan

So, you've done the research and constructed an airtight management plan for your next construction project. Now it's time to put pencil to paper and start fleshing out the details. How will you move and deploy your workforce, equipment and materials to get the job done?

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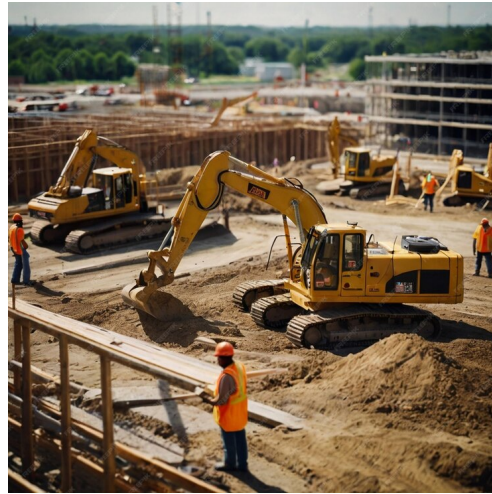


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## 10 Strategies for Contractors in Uncertain Economic Times

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell recently sent a tentative signal that interest rates may finally fall from their longstanding highs by September.\* But amid broader economic headwinds, including stubbornly high inflation, a seemingly endless labor crunch, reluctant lenders and a slow-burning crisis in commercial real estate, there's still good reason to remain wary.

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