



Press Release

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Gibco Construction of Cleveland To Be Part of Two Area TDOT Projects On US-411 and US-64 in Bradley and Polk Counties

Gibco Construction of Cleveland, TN will be involved in two area highway construction projects totaling almost \$40 million. The much anticipated widening of US-411 and US-64 in Polk County has begun almost simultaneously. Gibco is providing the onsite and offsite trucking associated with both projects as well as the hauling, placing of base stone and asphalt throughout the 3 year improvement. Gibco anticipates their portion of the combined projects will total about \$7.2 million.

Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) awarded Talley Construction Inc. of Rossville, GA the \$10.2 million US-64 contract in June 2008; Charles Blalock and Sons, Inc. of Sevierville, TN was awarded the \$28.6 million US-411 contract in July 2008.

Gibco was founded nine years ago in Cleveland by Sharon Gilbert. The firm specializes in trucking and excavation for highway construction and heavy commercial construction.

Mrs. Gilbert, said “We are both excited and grateful to be a part of these very worthwhile and long anticipated projects. This is great for the residents of Bradley and Polk Counties as well as the entire Ocoee region. “It really speaks well of our State Legislative delegation for these improvements to be happening at a time when projects are being cut or put on hold all across our state.”

The company has worked on various private, local, state and federal highway projects in Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia over the years. Most recently the \$51 million I-75 Hamilton County, Ooltewah widening, \$100 million Bluecross/Blueshield Office complex in Chattanooga, the SkyRidge Hospital Expansion, Target/Kohl’s Cleveland, the I-40 Knoxville / James White Parkway expansion, the Murphy, NC Bypass, I-20 in Talladega, AL and \$73 million I-65 highway improvement project in Birmingham, AL.

Gibco began with a fleet of 5 dump trucks, a few pieces of equipment and 12 employees, and has expanded to over 80 employees with a fleet of 57 dump trucks and various pieces of equipment "It's good to know we will be right here at home with these two projects as we continue the work on I-75 near Ooltewah at Exit 11, and The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport expansion " said Gilbert.

Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) awarded the \$51 million I-75 contract to Bell & Associates, based in Brentwood, TN. Gibco is involved in the trucking operation as well as working with the other vendors involved in base stone, drainage, concrete paving, asphalt paving and dirt moving aspects of this project. Gilbert said work continues there and is expected to take about 2 more years to complete.

Gibco Construction is a member of the Tennessee Trucking Association, Tennessee Road Builders Association and American Road Builders Association.

State Sen. Dewayne Bunch said "I am excited about Gibco's work on the projects in and around our areas. It is exciting for us, not only for the economic impact, but it is also very positive for our community when local professionals are involved in such important state projects. I am very happy for the folks at Gibco and for our community as well. It's a win, win for all of us..."

State Representative Eric Watson, a member of the House Transportation Committee said he is pleased to see the work being done in his district and to have had a part in helping in securing major transportation improvements for this area.

"With every district losing a highway project, we were one of the few that was able to keep all projects on schedule. We're proud to have this \$40 million being spent on the roads in Polk County," said Rep. Watson..

He continued: This is a project that I have personally worked with Chairman Phillip Pinion on for the past two years. It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to know our voice in the district was heard. The project was to be pulled due to the state shortfall and Commissioner Gerald Nicely was key in helping us reinstate the funds for our much-needed highway work. I am glad to see this project finally beginning and to see a locally company obtaining the construction bid. Sen. Bunch is right, it is a win-win for all of us..."

State Representative Kevin Brooks said "I am personally thrilled that a local Cleveland company was awarded these great projects, including the Exit 11 project. It is professionally rewarding to work together with TDOT and local officials to help make road projects a reality."

Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland said : "It's always good to see our locally owned companies having a role in state-wide projects. It speaks well of their quality of work, and it allows them to serve as good ambassadors for our community. It's also great to see our local legislative delegation working together with TDOT and local officials to continue improvements in our road projects. The entire Gilbert family has a reputation for quality and corporate citizenship

through the years. It's good to see others across the state recognizing their efforts and their commitment to quality."