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Road Project Bids 1975 Are Under Estimates.

NASHVILLE (AP) — Contractors offered to complete 14 highway projects in 13 counties for about \$1.5 million less than state estimates in bids opened Friday by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Eddie Shaw said the state had anticipated spending about \$15 million on the projects, but that apparent low bids on them totaled \$13,512,184.50.

Contracts will be awarded within 30 days, Shaw said.

The largest was for a bridge project on a one-tenth of a mile section of Interstate 240 in Memphis. The Wiley N. Jackson Co. of Roanoke, Va., submitted a low bid of \$5,993,521.28, about \$850,000 below the state estimate.

State officials had estimated a computerized traffic signal system for downtown Memphis would cost \$1,914,000, but Sperry Rand Corp. of Great Neck, N.Y., submitted a low bid of \$1,727,872.

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