

What is Design/Build?

In order to accelerate the rebuilding of I-96 and M-43, MDOT will be using a design/build contract. A design/build contract differs from traditional MDOT contracts in that pre-qualified contractors bid on the job with limited design documents, hire an engineering consulting firm to complete the plans with MDOT approval, and build the job as the design progresses. The design/build method was chosen for the I-96 reconstruction project because it will allow for the quickest completion possible. If MDOT had used a traditional contract for this project, construction would have most likely started in 2015. Using the design/build contract, and through the availability of ARRA funding, the project will now begin in the spring of 2011. The design/build contract was awarded to D.J. McQuestion & Sons, Inc. of Leroy. Their primary design consultant is Alfred Benesch & Co. MDOT also has engineering consulting firms URS and HNTB under contract to assist in design and construction engineering approvals.