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Press Release

## Apparent Low Bidder for Traffic Signal Installation U.S. 285 and Richey Avenue, Artesia

**ARTESIA** – RT Electric Inc. is the apparent low bidder from bids opened last Friday for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. 285 and Richey Avenue in Artesia. The low bid amount was \$554,172.94.

In cooperation with the City of Artesia, who provided the funds for the design of the traffic signal, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation, who is funding the construction and construction management, the project will install a traffic signal at this location.

Features of this traffic signal include video detection to actuate the traffic signal, emergency pre-emption for emergency vehicles and railroad pre-emption so that the traffic signal and the railroad crossing can communicate with each other.

The project should be officially awarded within 30 to 45 days, with construction to start after that. The exact start date will depend upon the ordering and delivery of the traffic signal hardware.

The department is also working on an ADA/Sidewalk Project along U.S. 285, which will be put out to bid later on this spring.

Anybody with questions or comments on these two projects can contact Robert Kurtz, Engineering Support Manager, with the NMDOT District Two Office at 1-800-432-7845.

Remember to please drive safely through construction work zones.

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