

ALTERNATE DESIGN –  
ALTERNATE BID  
USING LIFE CYCLE COST  
ANALYSIS

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Transportation and Development

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# ADAB LCCA

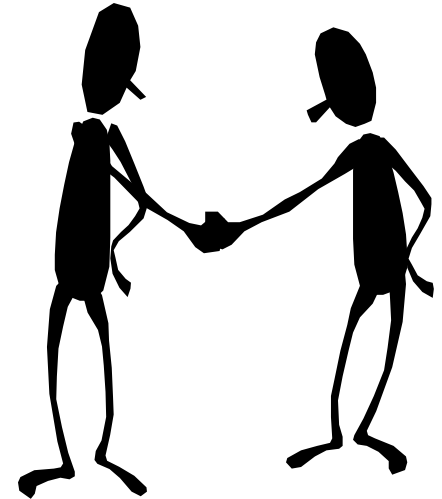
- **Political Issues** – competing industries, industry relationships
- **Administrative Issues**– design and selection policies
- **Engineering/Technical Issues** —structural design, life cycle cost analysis

# Pavement Type Selection Policy

- Previous policy: Urban Concrete, Rural Asphalt
- Industry not satisfied
- Previous policy based on concept of “Get out and Stay out”
- User delay considerations for future rehabilitation

# Industry Consensus

- Consensus with both paving industries on process
- ASSUMPTIONS: Time to next overlay, major maintenance, (C)
- Discount Rate
- Salvage Costs, etc.
- Alternate Design/Alternate Bid had not been successful in other states due to lack of consensus



LAPA

CAAL

LDOTD

# TYPE OF PAVEMENT

## (LANE MILES)

• TOTAL	37,148	
• CONCRETE	4,211	11%
• ASPHALT	22,634	61%
• COMPOSITE	10,302	28%

# *Where Do We Use The Alternate Design / Alternate Bid Model?*

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	<u>Million Dollars</u>	<u>Alternate Design / Alternate Bid</u>
<b><u>PRESERVATION</u></b>		
- Non-Interstate Pavement	\$125	No
- Interstate Pavement (IM)	\$65	No
- Bridge (On / Off System)	\$101	No
<b><u>OPERATIONS</u></b>	\$36	No
- ITS, Weigh Stations,		
- Rest Areas,		
- Contract Maintenance		
<b><u>SAFETY</u></b>	\$38	No
- Highway		
- Railroad Crossing		

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<b>CAPACITY</b>	<b>\$132</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
- Enhancement Program	\$9	No
- Urban Systems	\$48	Yes
- Federal Earmark (DEMO)	\$70	Yes
- TIMED (4 Laning)	\$324	Yes
- Bonds (State Funds)	\$168	Yes
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$1,116</b>	<b>\$742</b>
<b>Alternate Design / Alternate Bid</b>		<b>66%</b>

# Pavement Types

## Positive Attributes

### Concrete Pavements

- Low initial maintenance
- Long lasting friction properties
- Resists surface deformations

### Asphalt Pavements

- Lower initial cost
- Smoother ride
- Ease of resurfacing
- Lower traffic tire noise

# ASPHALT CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS TO EXTEND LIFE

- POLYMERS
- SUPERPAVE  
VOLUMETRIC  
DESIGN
- MATERIALS  
TRANSFER DEVICE
- ANTI STRIP  
ADDITIVES





**SUPERPAVE MIX**

**WEARING COURSE MIX**

**STUDY OF OLDEST 10 SUPERPAVE SECTIONS  
BUILT IN 1998**

# PCC IMPROVEMENTS EXPECTED TO EXTEND LIFE

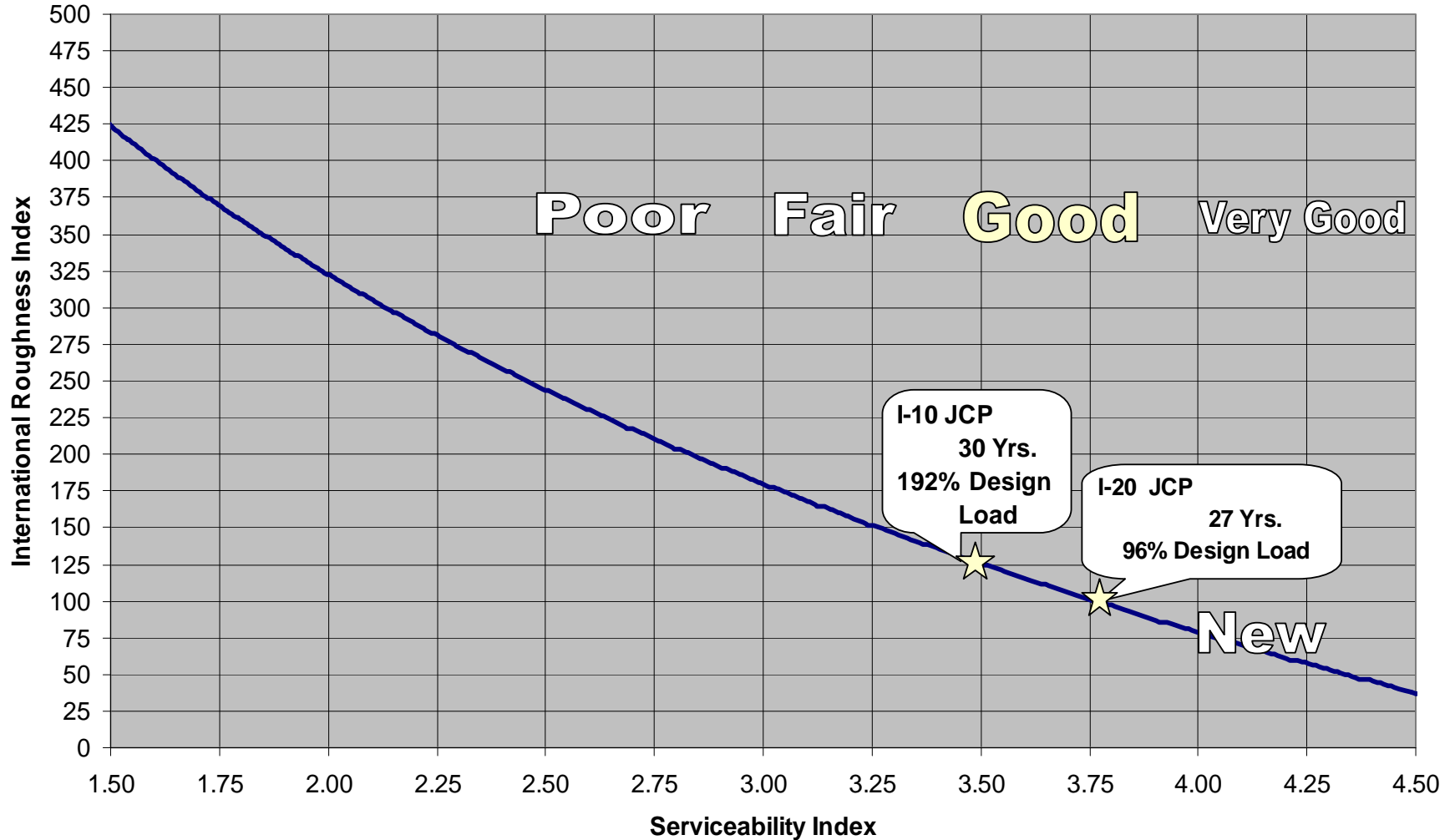
- THICKER SLABS
- LARGER PLASTIC COATED DOWELS
- 20 FT JOINT SPACING
- INTERNAL DRAINAGE
- TIED PCC SHOULDER OR WIDENED LANE
- LONG LASTING JOINT SEALANTS



# Interstate JCP

30 year performance of Two Interstate Projects

IRI to SI Relationship



# Interstate JCP

- **I-10 Baton Rouge**
  - **Built 1974 (32 yrs.)**
  - **Carried 192% Load**
  - **Faulting 0.2 in.**
  - **Joints Patched 2%**
  - **IRI 130**
  - **Serviceability Good**
  - **Friction 44/27**
- **I-20 Monroe**
  - **Built 1977 (29 yrs.)**
  - **Carried 98% Load**
  - **Faulting 0.1 in.**
  - **Joints Patched 1%**
  - **IRI 100**
  - **Serviceability Good**
  - **Friction 44/27**



**30 year PCC on Interstate 10 in Baton Rouge**

**10 inch JCP**

**4 inch HMAc**

**Soil Subbase**



**I-10**

**Baton Rouge**



# TYPICAL DESIGN STRUCTURE

Class	PCC	HMAC
Interstate	13''	12'' – 15''
Primary	8'' – 10''	10''
Secondary	8''	6'' – 8''

For ADAB, total pavement thickness is held constant

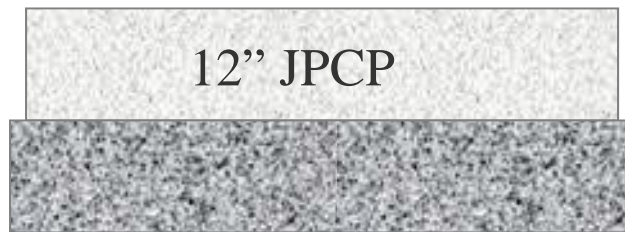
# Pavement Design

- 1972 Interim Guide
- 1986 Revised Guide
- 1993 Revised Guide
- 2009 MEPDG implementation
- For JCP: Flexural Strength requirements 750 psi to reduce required slab thickness where greater than 12 in. is indicated

# 20 Year Design:

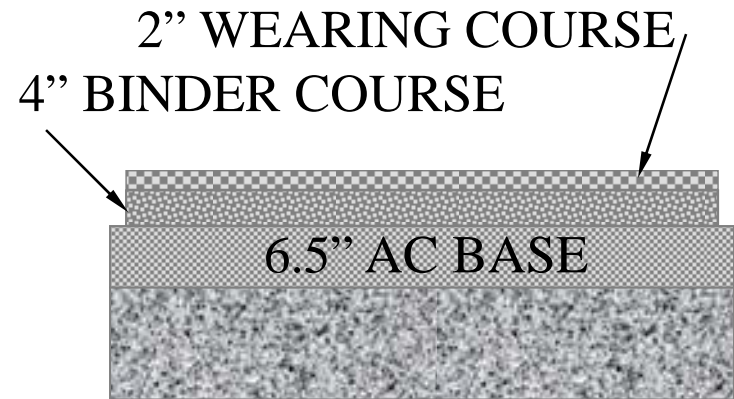
(Based upon 1993 AASHTO Pavement Design procedure)

## Rigid



12" CRUSHED STONE

## Flexible



12" CRUSHED STONE

(Designer to provide same initial elevation for earthwork and same final surface elevation for the two alternates)

# Base Course Design

- Use of Soil Cement as a lower layer
- Use of Crushed Stone as an upper layer
- Typical is

**4 in. stone / 8 in. soil cement**

# Pavement Drainage

- Through-the-shoulder drainage daylighted for both rigid and flexible pavements
- Typically #57 stone layer wrapped in fabric
- Eliminated use of trench drains with outlet pipes and headwalls

# Analysis Time Periods

- **Pavement Design Period:**

The time span a pavement is designed to function -  
Typically 20 years

- **Performance Period:**

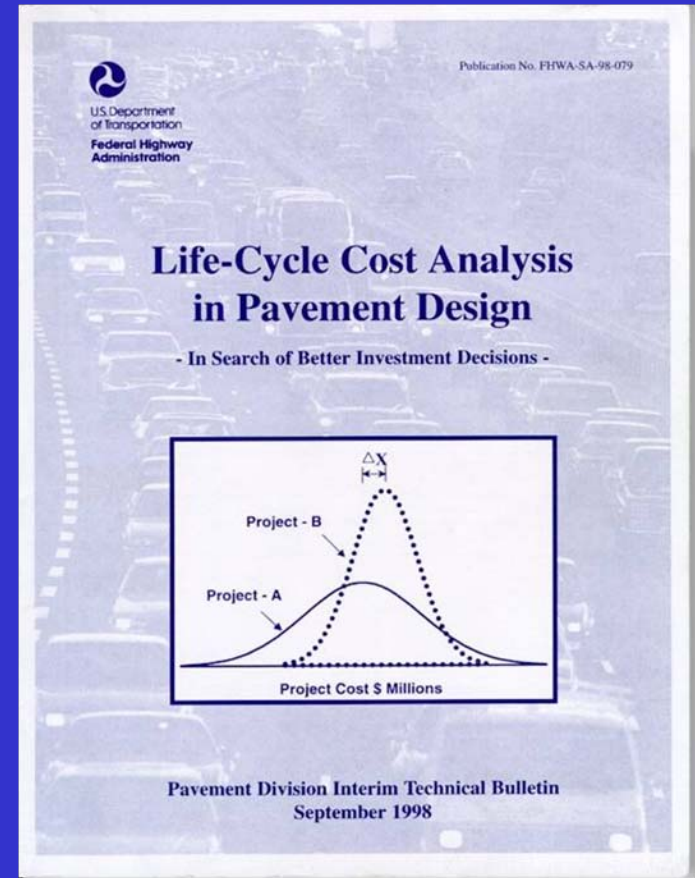
The time between initial construction and major rehabilitation activity.

- **Analysis Period:**

The time horizon over which future costs are calculated. Generally **30 years for Overlay**, and **40 years for New Construction**.

# Life Cycle Cost Analysis

- LADOTD (LCCA) utilizes the Deterministic approach
- LADOTD includes agency costs and user costs in LCCA
- Publication No. FHWA-SA-98-079



# INCENTIVE TO PAVE EXPEDITIOUSLY

- Minimize construction duration and impact
- A+B bid model
- B is the number of contract days translated into dollars
- ADT < 20k     \$5,000/day
- ADT 20-35k    \$10,000/day
- ADT > 35k     \$15,000/day

# BID MODEL

- First design equal alternates
- Alternate bid model:
  - “A” + “B” + “C” or “A” + “C”
  - A = Construction Cost
  - B = Time of construction expressed as \$
  - C = Cost of future overlay, rehabilitation, maintenance

# ALTERNATE DESIGN ALTERNATE BID

- A+B+C Model
- C is a function of all future costs
- C is different for each alternate
- C is typically higher for Asphalt Concrete Alternate than Portland Cement Concrete Alternate

# Life Cycle Cost Analysis

## Present Value

- A1 **PCC**

- $A = \$ 7.2 \text{ M}$

- $C = \$ 4.8 \text{ M} (0.46)$   
 $= \$ 2.2 \text{ M}$

- $LCC = \$ 9.4 \text{ M}$

- A2 **AC**

- $A = \$ 5.0 \text{ M}$

- $C = \$ 9.1 \text{ M} (0.56)$   
 $= \$ 5.1 \text{ M}$

- $LCC = \$ 10.0 \text{ M}$

- LCC within 6%

# FUTURE EXPENDITURES

- What future actions will be necessary for the two alternatives?
- When and at what cost?



# Future Rehabilitation Activities

- Timing and scope of activities reflect anticipated improved performance for both flexible and rigid pavements
- Flexible: Superpave, better construction, improved quality control
- Rigid: thicker slabs and bases, larger dowels, drainage, tied shoulders, etc.

# Assumptions & Activity Timing

(Arterial – New Construction)

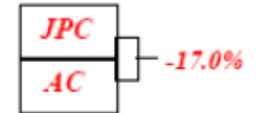
- **Rigid**

- Year 0
  - 20-year design
- Year 20
  - Clean & re-seal joints
  - Patch 1% of joints
- Year 30
  - Patch 2% joints
  - retexture

- **Flexible**

- Year 0
  - 20-year design
- Year 15
  - Cold plane & overlay
  - 15-year design
- Year 30
  - Cold plane & overlay
  - 10 year design

# LIFE CYCLE COST ANALYSIS



STATE PROJECT NO. 014-04-0028  
 Oberlin - Oakdale  
 Allen Parish  
 Route Us 165

PV FACTOR = 0.5553

PV FACTOR = 0.4564

PV FACTOR = 0.3083

ALTERNATE	YEAR 0	YEAR 15	YEAR 20	YEAR 30	YEAR 40	PRESENT VALUE TOTALS
	12400 ADT	15700 ADT	17000 ADT	18800 ADT	20800 ADT	
<b>A1</b>	<b>NEW JPC PAVEMENT</b> 230mm JPCP 250mm Crushed Stone/Recycled PCCP Base  <b>SHOULDERS</b> 50mm AC Shoulder  CONST. COST: \$7,973,000 USER COST: \$479,000  TOTAL COST: \$8,452,000	NO ACTION          TOTAL COST: \$0	<b>CLEAN/SEAL JOINTS</b> Silicone  <b>PATCHING</b> Patch 1% Of Joints  <b>SHOULDERS</b> Cold Plane 50mm Of AC 50mm AC Wearing Course  CONST. COST: \$919,500 USER COST: \$1,588,400  TOTAL COST: \$2,507,900	<b>RETEXTURE</b> Travel Lanes Only  <b>PATCHING</b> Patch 2% Of Joints  CONST. COST: \$543,600 USER COST: \$470,200  TOTAL COST: \$1,013,800	REMAINING          INVESTMENT LIFE          0 YEARS          TOTAL COST: \$0	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT</b>          LIFE = 40 YEARS          C = \$1,457,200          CONST. COST: \$8,560,300 USER COST: \$1,348,900  TOTAL COST: \$9,909,200
	<b>NEW AC PAVEMENT</b> 50mm AC Wearing Course 80mm AC Binder Course 100mm AC Base Course 250mm Crushed Stone/Recycled PCCP Base  <b>SHOULDERS</b> 50mm AC Shoulder  CONST. COST: \$6,631,600 USER COST: \$1,109,900  TOTAL COST: \$7,741,500	<b>STRUCTURE REHAB</b> <b>COLD PLANE 50mm WITH OVERLAY</b> (Cold Planing Excludes Shoulders)  40mm AC Wearing Course 50mm AC Binder Course 180mm Existing AC Pavement 250mm Exist. Crushed Stone Base  CONST. COST: \$3,640,300 USER COST: \$923,500  TOTAL COST: \$4,563,800	NO ACTION          TOTAL COST: \$0	<b>STRUCTURE REHAB</b> <b>COLD PLANE 50mm WITH OVERLAY</b> (Cold Planing Excludes Shoulders)  40mm AC Wearing Course 50mm AC Binder Course 220mm Existing AC Pavement 250mm Exist. Crushed Stone Base  CONST. COST: \$3,640,300 USER COST: \$1,105,700  TOTAL COST: \$4,746,000	REMAINING          INVESTMENT LIFE          0 YEARS          TOTAL COST: \$0	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT</b>          LIFE = 40 YEARS          C = \$3,997,500          CONST. COST: \$9,775,400 USER COST: \$1,963,600  TOTAL COST: \$11,739,000

# Life Cycle Cost Analysis

Year Alt	Year 0 Costs	Year 15 Costs	Year 20 Costs	Year 30 Costs	Year 40 Costs	PV Totals
<b>PCC</b>	Construction: \$7,973,000 User Cost: \$479,000 <b>Total:</b> <b>\$8,452,000</b>	No work in Year 15	Reseal Joints Patch 1% Joints \$919,500 User Cost: \$1,588,400 <b>Total:</b> <b>\$2,507,900</b>	Retexture Patch 2% Joints \$543,600 User Cost: \$470,200 <b>Total:</b> <b>\$1,013,800</b>	X	<b>C = \$1,457,200</b> <b>Const. = \$8,560,300</b> <b>User = \$1,349,900</b> <b>Total = \$9,909,200</b>
<b>AC</b>	Construction: \$6,631,600 User Cost: \$1,109,100 <b>Total:</b> <b>\$7,741,500</b>	Mill & Overlay: \$3,640,300 User Cost: \$923,500 <b>Total:</b> <b>\$4,563,800</b>	No work in Year 20	Mill & Overlay: \$3,640,300 User Cost: \$1,105,700 <b>Total:</b> <b>\$4,764,000</b>	X	<b>C = \$3,997,500</b> <b>Const. = \$9,775,400</b> <b>User = \$1,963,600</b> <b>Total = \$11,739,000</b>

## 12,000 ADT Rural US Route Two Lane Addition 9" pavement over 10" stone base

Difference in Initial Construction Cost	= \$1,341,400
Difference in Initial Total Cost	= \$ 710,500
Difference in C (PV)	= \$2,540,300
Difference in LCC (PV)	= \$1,829,400
% Difference	= 18%

# Competition Range

- TOTAL LCC WITHIN 25%, LET AS ALTERNATES
- DIFFERENCE IN LCC GREATER THAN 25%, MAKE A PAVEMENT TYPE SELECTION (Competition consideration)

# Competition Break Point

(LADOTD BID SYSTEM)

<b>ADT</b>	<b>% Difference in LCC</b>
<b>1000 - 2000</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>2000 - 3000</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>3000 - 4000</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>4000 - 5000</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>5000 - 6000</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>6000 - 7000</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>7000 - 8000</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>8000 - 9000</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9000 - 10000</b>	<b>3</b>



# User Cost Components:

- Speed Change Delay - the additional time necessary to decelerate and accelerate
- Speed Change VOC – the additional vehicle operating cost associated with the deceleration and acceleration
- Reduced Speed Delay – the additional time necessary to traverse the work zone at the lower posted speed

# USER DELAY EXAMPLE

- “June 2006 Interstate Crash Cost Motorists nearly \$1Million” *The Advocate*
- Traffic down to one lane on I-10 for 4 hours
- Estimated \$670,420 in wasted time
- Estimated \$218,702 in wasted fuel

# Production Rates for User Costs Due to Construction

- The rate to place asphaltic concrete is 2000 tons per day
- The rate to pace 8" crushed stone base is 4500 sq. yds. per day
- The rate to pace 12" PCCP is 10,000 sq. yds. per day
- The unit weight of asphaltic concrete is 110 lb. per sq. yd. per inch
- The rate of cleaning and sealing joints is 2500 lin. ft. per day
- The rate of cold plane maximum 2" is 10,000 sq. yds. per day
- The rate of retexture on PCCP is 3 lane-miles per day
- 1% of total joints need to be patched in Year 20
- 2% of total joints need to be patched in Year 30
- The rate of joint patching is 12 joints per day

# Discount Future Costs to Present Value

- Use real dollars
- Discount rate: 4%

(Discount rate = interest rate – inflation rate)

$$\text{NPV} = \text{Initial Cost} + \sum_{k=1}^N \text{Rehab Cost}_k \bullet (P/F_k, i\%, n_k)$$

$$\text{Where : discounting factor } (P/F_k, i\%, n_k) = \left[ \frac{1}{(1+i)^{n_k}} \right]$$

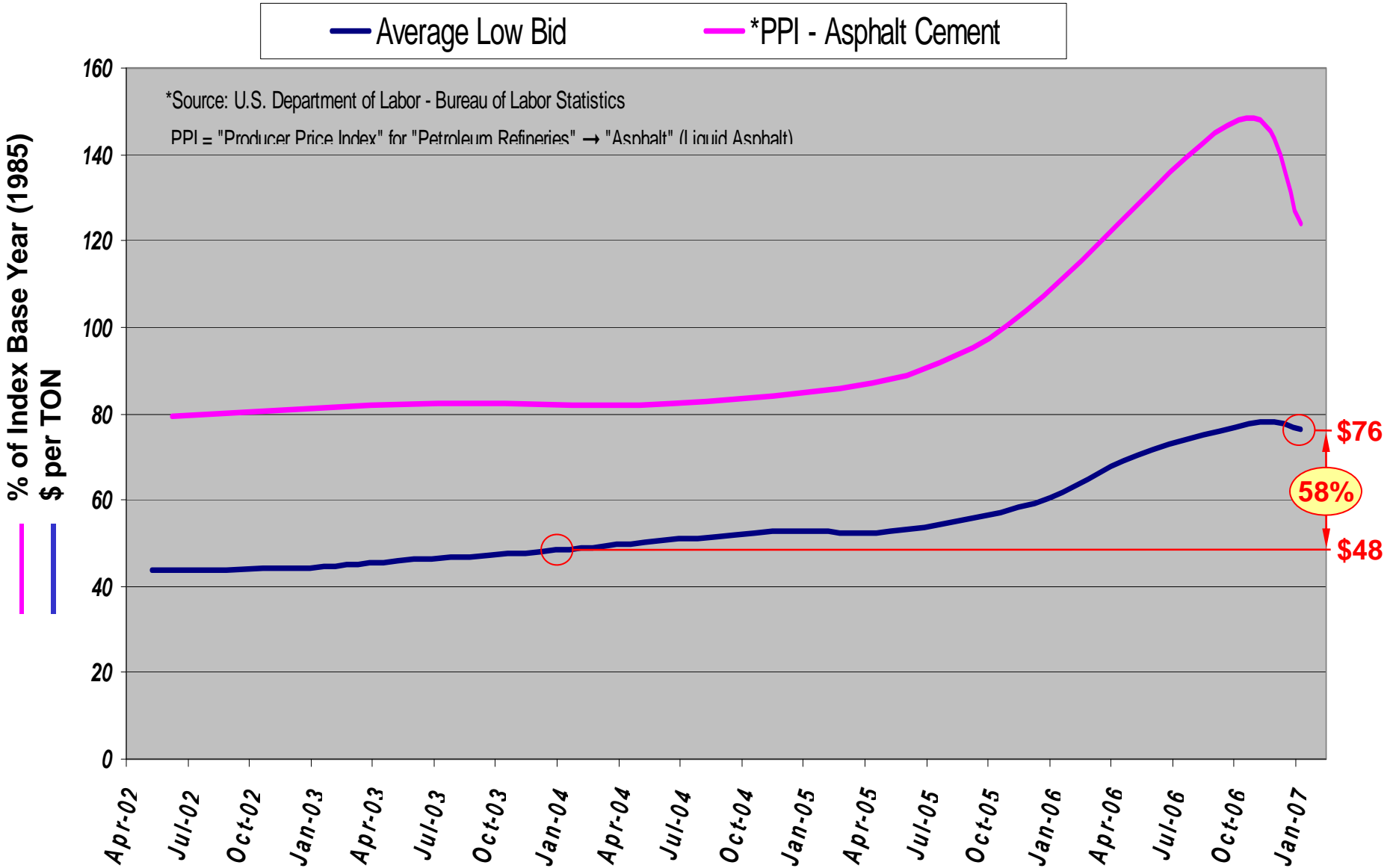
*i* = discount rate

*n* = year of expenditure

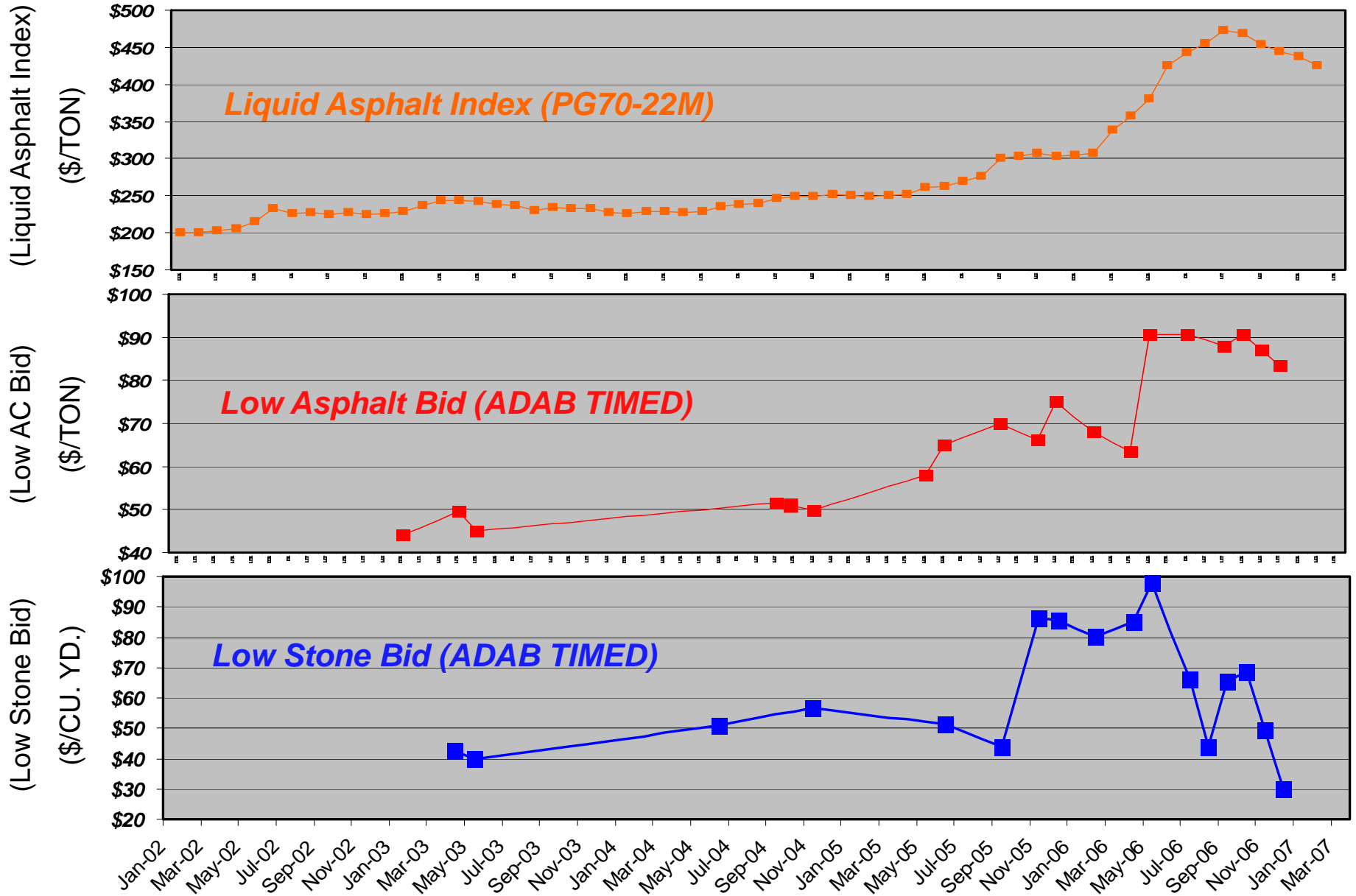
# Unit Price of Materials (2001 vs 2006)

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|--|----------------------|
| 1. 12" JPC = \$32.00 sq. yd.                 | <b>\$40 (2006)</b>   |
| 2. Cold plane 2" = \$1.00 sq. yd.            | <b>\$2 (2006)</b>    |
| 3. 12" stone base = \$6.50 sq. yd. (2001)    | <b>\$27 (2006)</b>   |
| 4. Retexturing travel lanes = \$1.50 sq. yd. | <b>\$2.50 (2006)</b> |
| 5. Concrete patching = \$120.00 sq. yd.      | <b>\$125 (2006)</b>  |
| 6. Asphalt concrete = \$35/ton               | <b>\$80 (2006)</b>   |

## Asphalt Cement Average Bid Values and \*ProPer Price Index (PPI) for Asphalt Cement



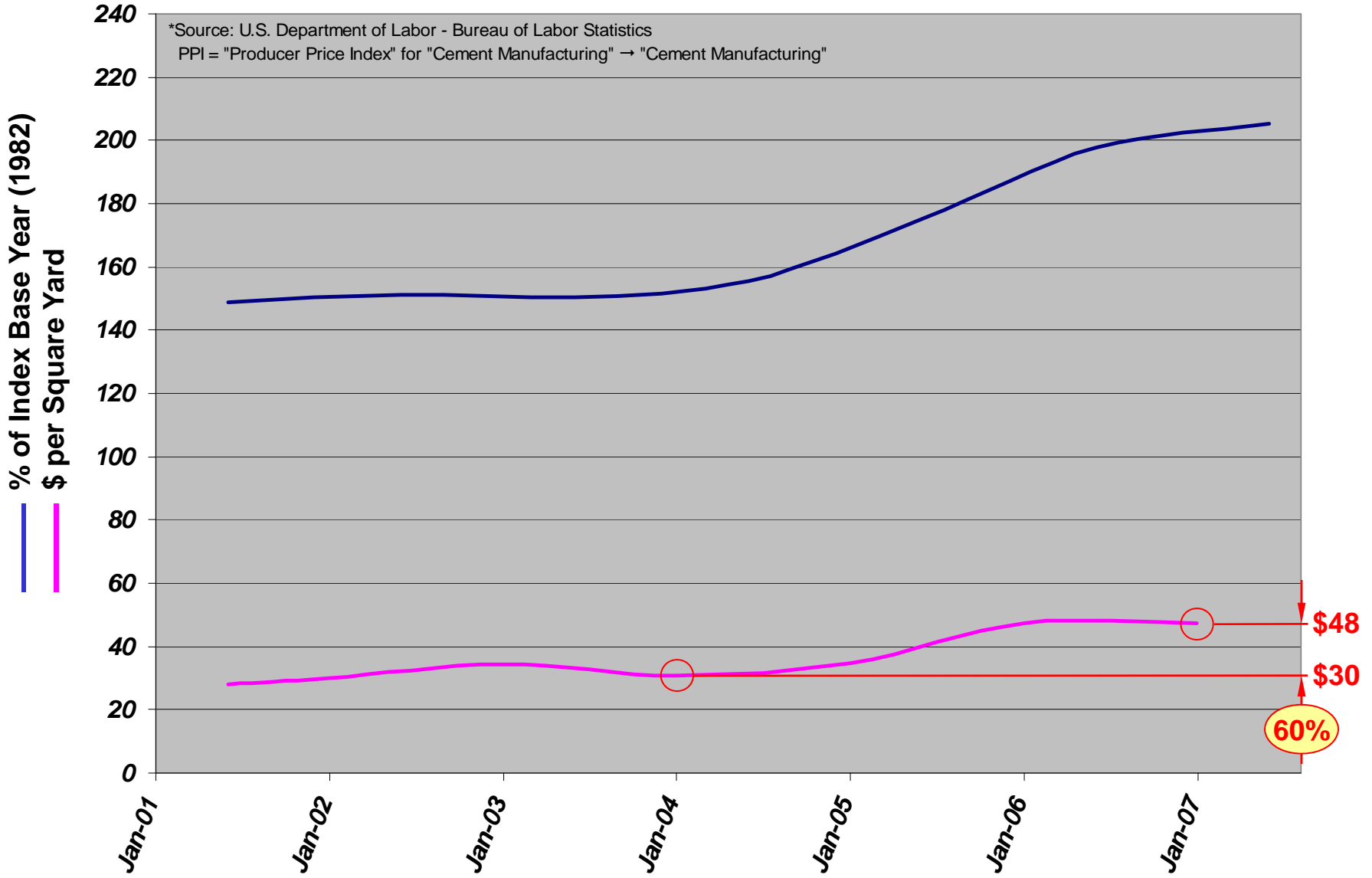
# Comparison of DOTD Asphalt Index (PG70-22M), Low Asphalt Bid Price and Low Stone Bid Price of TIMED Alternate Design/Alternate Bid Projects)



## PCC TIMED Low Bid Values and \*Producer Price Index (PPI) for Cement Manufacturing

— \*PPI - Cement Manufacturing      — Average Low Bid

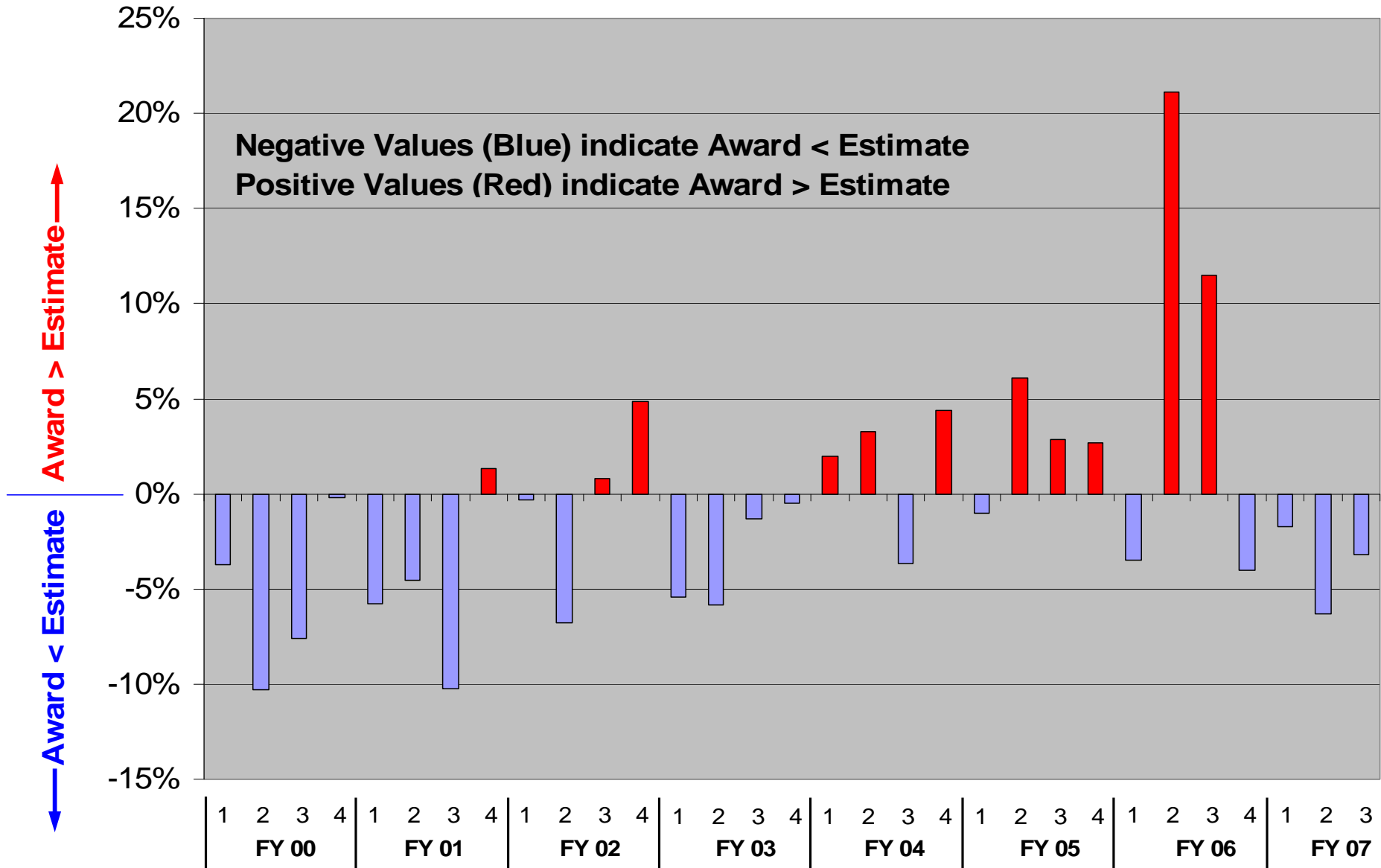
\*Source: U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics  
PPI = "Producer Price Index" for "Cement Manufacturing" → "Cement Manufacturing"



# Overall Program Pavement Types Selected

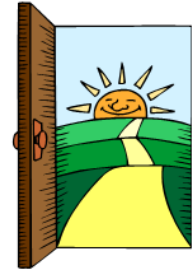
• Date	AC	PCC	Total
(Pre Katrina)			
• 6/01-8/05	11	5	16
(Post Katrina)			
• 9/05- 12/06	8	8	16
• Total	19 (59%)	13 (41%)	32

# Fiscal Year Comparison of Engineer's Estimate and Award Cost



# Opportunity for Industry

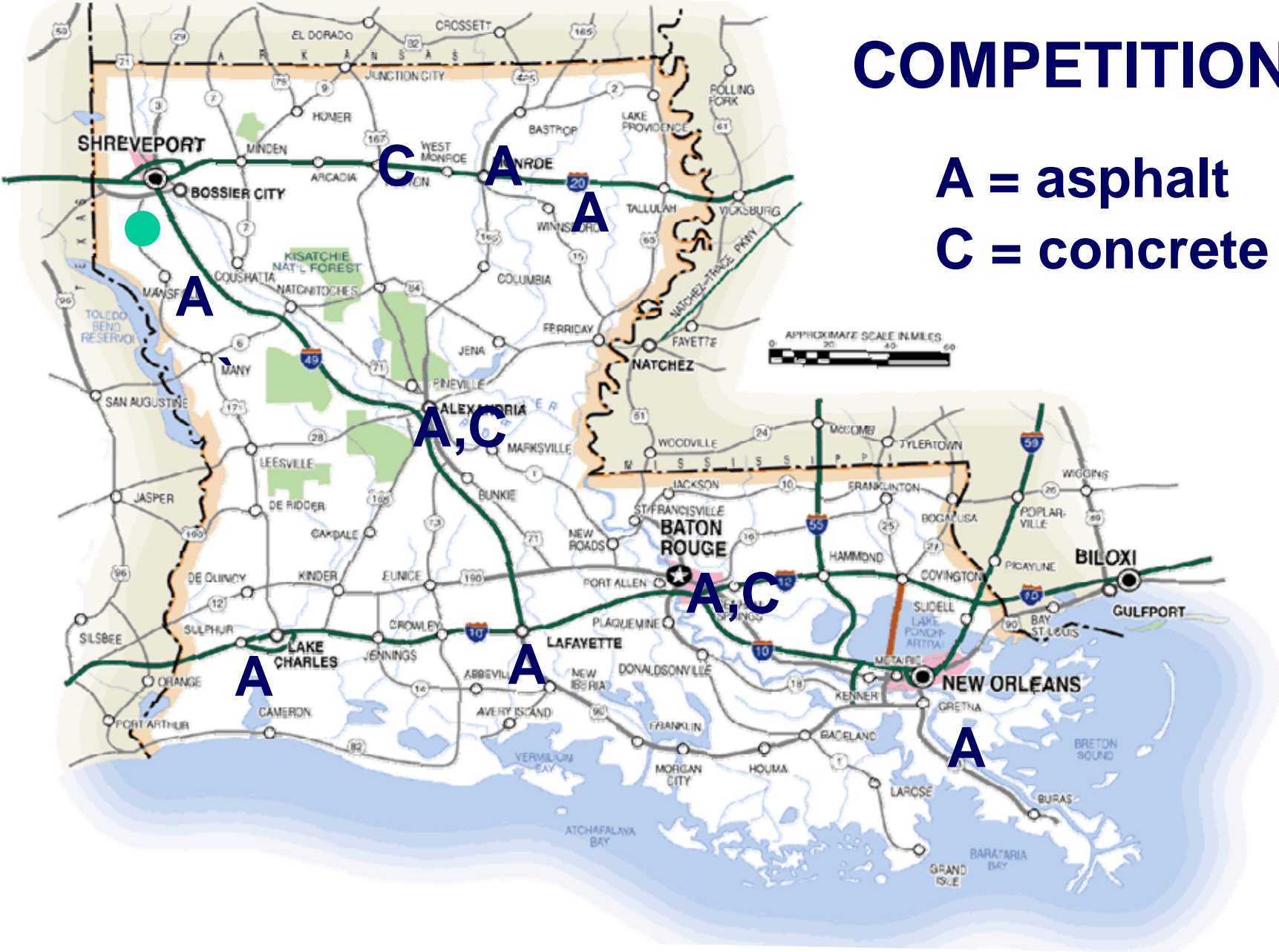
- Location, location, location
  - Territory protection
  - Keep work in state
  - Influence of market conditions
  - Position for next work
  - AC/PCC Pavers: resource opportunity
- ADAB bid model opens the door



# COMPETITION

A = asphalt

C = concrete



# COMPETITION

## Number of Bidders per Project

- 12 Monthly Lettings 2005-2006  
(Since Katrina)
- ADAB                      Average 3.9 bidders
- All other projects      Average 2.6 bidders

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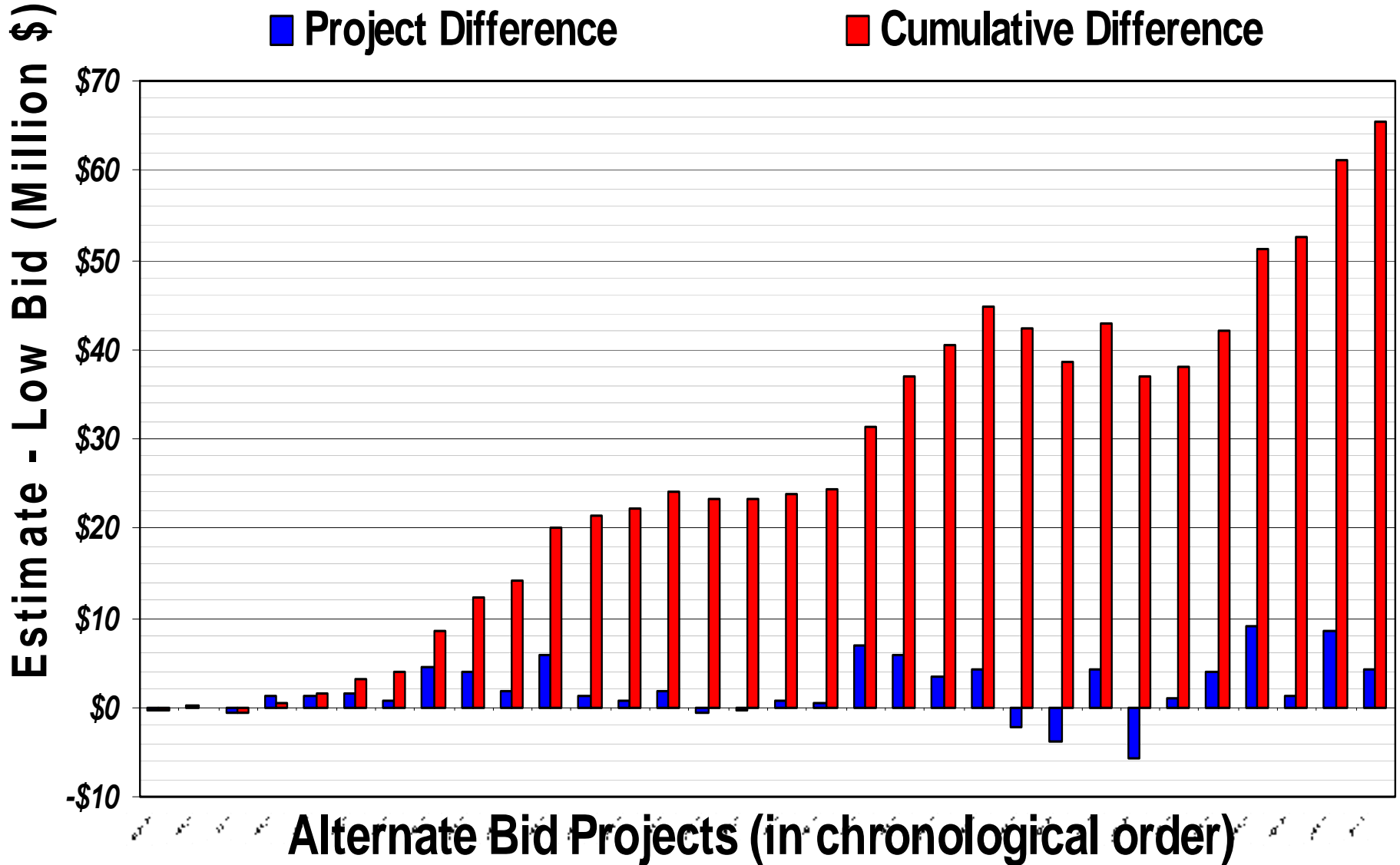
## Estimate vs. Low Bid

- 12 Monthly Lettings 2005-2006  
(Since Katrina)
- ADAB projects (-9%) 9% lower than estimate
- All other projects (+20%) 20% higher than estimate

# Alternate Design/Alternate Bid (Cumulative Savings)

■ Project Difference

■ Cumulative Difference



# Design Effort

- 32 Projects
- \$62.5M under estimate
- Avg. 11% per project
- \$2.0M per project
- Pavement Design
- EI 12 hours
- PE 4 hours
- \$500
- With LCCA/ADAB
- EI 80 hours
- PE 16 hours
- \$2000
- **Cost Benefit Ratio:**
- **1000 to 1**

# *Reasons to Use ADAB*

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- ✓ Allows both paving industries to participate; and considers future expenditures
- ✓ Encourages the agency to consider user cost effects and possibly alternate construction scenarios
- ✓ Increases the bid pool which has proven to result in lower bid prices to the contracting agency