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HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS TOTAL \$2.2 MILLION

WHITEHORSE – The Yukon government recently awarded more than \$2 million to local contractors for highway construction projects around the territory.

"We have awarded more than \$32 million for highway construction and maintenance projects this year," Infrastructure Minister Scott Kent said. "This latest round of road construction contracts will employ about 35 Yukoners over the summer months."

Skookum Asphalt Ltd., of Whitehorse, was awarded a \$1.7 million contract for new pavement overlay on the Alaska Highway.

"A crew of 15 people will be upgrading the existing asphalt surface between the Lewes River Bridge and Carcross Cutoff for three weeks in August," said company president Curtis Prosko. "Getting the contract has been a boost for our people. It extends our work season."

Pelly Construction Ltd. was awarded \$370,000 for base construction to repair the road surface at various locations along the Top of the World Highway between Dawson City and the Alaska border. The project will employ eight to ten people from late July to the end of August.

Loucheux Enterprises Ltd., also of Whitehorse, received a \$200,000 contract to produce and stockpile aggregate at three pits along the Robert Campbell Highway between Carmacks and Faro. About ten workers will be employed during the month of July to crush gravel for use by the Yukon government's maintenance camps along this route.

For information on highway construction projects taking place in the Yukon this summer, visit the government website at www.gov.yk.ca and click on Summer Road Construction under Featured Sites.

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