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**Wendy's Restaurant Taken in Leading Wave of Highway 290
Eminent Domain Cases Evaluated by Deal Sikes & Associates of Houston**

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Monday, November 19, 2012 — Deal Sikes & Associates, one of the nation's leading eminent domain consulting firms, has provided valuation and consulting services for the owner of a Wendy's quick service restaurant on U.S. Highway 290, one of the first properties that will be acquired for a massive freeway widening project in Northwest Houston.

The Texas Department of Transportation is aggressively acquiring property along U.S. Highway 290, in an accelerated effort to expand the northwest freeway from Interstate 610 out to Texas 99. The acquisition of the Wendy's site, approximately one acre, will be followed by scores of other property takings by TxDot for the northwest freeway expansion project.

Highway 290 will be widened from six lanes to eight in some places and managed toll lanes will be added in order to improve access to Houston's fast growing northwest suburbs.

Deal Sikes & Associates has provided valuation and consulting services for private property owners for the expansion of the Katy Freeway and a number of other roadway widening projects in Texas.

"We are working with the private property owners on Highway 290, ensuring they will receive a fair price from TxDot," said Mark Sikes, co-founder of Deal Sikes & Associates. "Our long history of dealing with TxDot has shown that there can be a significant disparity between market value and what the state offers to pay for real estate."

Deal Sikes & Associates has been involved in hundreds of eminent domain cases and land takings by governmental agencies for public project expansions, including the expansions of the Katy Freeway, Highway 290 and the Grand Parkway.

Deal Sikes & Associates provides real estate valuation and counseling services for eminent domain initiatives, transactions, estate tax planning, due diligence research and litigation support. The principals of Deal Sikes & Associates provide real estate counseling and valuation services for governmental agencies, real estate companies, law firms and corporate clients across the nation.

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