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## The Big Dig

**Overview:** The Big Dig was the largest public works project in American history as well as a critical part of the state and national infrastructure. As such they recognized that it was a signature target and needed to be protected from all possible threats.

**The Problem:** 9-11 brought into focus the reality that the Big Dig was a target of opportunity and was also a target for surveillance. Whereas the State Police would not take control of the roadway system until completion, the MTA needed a partner to prevent unwanted and unauthorized persons from entering the work areas for any reason including photography, surveillance, vandalism or future harm.

**Strategic Recommendation:** RMA worked closely with Big Dig senior staff and the Big Dig Law Enforcement Coordinator to develop and implement a security program including assessments, armed mobile patrol, armed fixed posts, surveillance and proprietary security protocols to prevent security breaches and coordinate closely with both the BPD and the MSP.

**Program Elements:**

- Security Assessments
- Surveillance
- Armed Patrol
- Information Sharing with the MTA and law enforcement

**Results:** RMA successfully secured the project from May 2001 until September 2006. RMA was the only private security provider for the project and all public events including three “Bridge Walks” and all Official Tunnel Opening Ceremonies. These events routinely hosted over two hundred and fifty thousand visitors. RMA assisted the BPD and MSP at these events and was instrumental in the recognition and arrest of several wanted criminals and persons of interest to local and federal law enforcement agencies