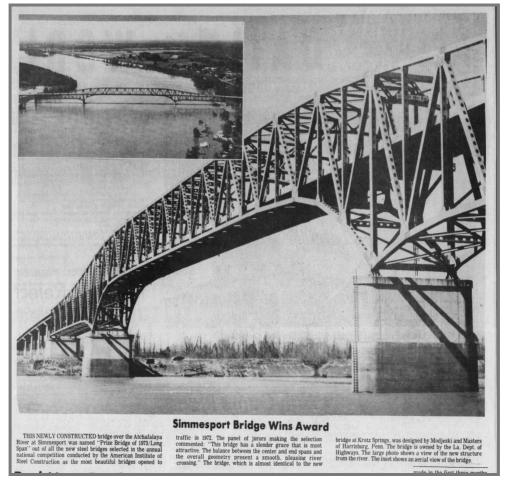


## THIS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED bridge over the Atchafalaya River at Simmesport was named "Prize Bridge of 1973/Long Span" out of all the new steel bridges selected in the annual national competition conducted by the American Institute of Steel Construction as the most beautiful bridges opened to

## Simmesport Bridge Wins Award

traffic in 1972. The panel of jurors making the selection commented: "This bridge has a slender grace that is most attractive. The balance between the center and end spans and the overall geometry present a smooth, pleasing river crossing." The bridge, which is almost identical to the new

bridge at Krotz Springs, was designed by Modjeski and Masters of Harrisburg, Penn. The bridge is owned by the La. Dept. of Highways. The large photo shows a view of the new structure from the river. The inset shows an aerial view of the bridge.





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## Atchafalaya River Bridge

PRIZE BRIDGE 1973 / LONG SPAN

DESIGNER Modjeski and Masters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

OWNER Louisiana Dept. of Highways, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

GENERAL CONTRACTORS Superstructure: John F. Beasley Construction Company, Dallas, Texas Substructure: Massman Construction Company, Kansas City, Missouri

FABRICATOR Vincennes Steel Corporation, Division of NOVO Corporation, Vincennes, Indiana

ERECTOR John F. Beasley Construction Company, Dallas, Texas

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