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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN BOONE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-16) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Boone County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 7.4 miles of Highway 65. Leo Journagan Construction Company, Inc. of Springfield, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$2,555,926.30.

"This project will begin at the Missouri state line and continue southward," stated Trammel.

Trammel said work could begin on the project in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected by August 3, 2009.

The project is being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act provides Arkansas with \$351 million in federal stimulus funds for roadway and bridge improvements throughout the state. Additional information about the ARRA can be found at www.recovery.gov. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to www.recovery.arkansas.gov. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to www.ArkansasHighways.com, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the middle of the page.

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