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## ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN VAN BUREN COUNTY

**LITTLE ROCK** (5-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Van Buren County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately five miles of Highway 65 near Clinton. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,342,262.80.

"This resurfacing project will begin at the Archey Fork Bridge at Clinton and extend northward," stated Hoofman.

Hoofman said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected by September 14, 2009.

The project is being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act provided 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 <a href="https://www.recovery.gov">www.recovery.gov</a>. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to <a href="https://www.recovery.arkansas.gov">www.recovery.arkansas.gov</a>. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to <a href="https://www.ArkansasHighways.com">www.ArkansasHighways.com</a>, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the middle of the page.

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