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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN GARLAND COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (1-9)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Garland County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock.

The purpose of the project is to widen Highway 88 (Higdon Ferry Road) in Hot Springs to five lanes. Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$7,659,705.10.

“This project will begin at Highway 270 and extend southward to Highway 7 South,” stated Rosenbaum. “The project is approximately 1.5 miles in length and is one of three projects that will eventually make Higdon Ferry Road five lanes from Highway 7 South, northward to Highway 7 North.”

Rosenbaum said work could begin on the project in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2010.

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