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### ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN DALLAS COUNTY

**LITTLE ROCK (4-16)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Dallas County, according to Commission Vice Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately three and one-half miles of Highway 79 near Fordyce. Jet Asphalt & Rock Company, Inc. of El Dorado, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,046,125.84.

“This project will begin at the Calhoun County line and continue northward,” stated Murphy.

Murphy 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](http://www.recovery.gov). For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to [www.recovery.arkansas.gov](http://www.recovery.arkansas.gov). Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to [www.ArkansasHighways.com](http://www.ArkansasHighways.com), and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the middle of the page.

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