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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-16) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Mississippi County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface approximately one mile of Highway 140. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$435,073.82.

“This project will be located in the vicinity of the Highway 140 and 119Y intersection, near the Osceola Municipal Airport,” stated Regenold.

A second project will resurface approximately one mile of Highway 18. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$337,832.66.

“The work on Highway 18 is located in Blytheville,” Regenold added. “The project will begin at Interstate 55 and extend westward,” Regenold added.

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

The projects are 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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