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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CHICOT COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Chicot County, according to Commission Vice Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado.

The purpose of the project is to widen 2.3 miles of Highway 65, south of Lake Village, to five lanes. R.M. Courson, Inc. of Hamburg, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$7,441,797.18.

“This widening project begins at Fairview and continues northward to the new Arkansas Welcome Center,” stated Murphy.

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 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 lower right portion of the page.

Murphy said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2011.

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