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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WHITE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in White County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock.

The purpose of the first project is to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 16 and Holmes Road in the city of Searcy. Shelby Electric Company, Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$117,579.35.

A second project will install a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 67B, Highway 31 and DeWitt Henry Drive (Highway 367) in the city of Beebe. L.E.G. Enterprises, Inc. of Cabot, Arkansas, was awarded this contract at \$95,420.57.

“These new signals will make these safer intersections for motorists traveling through these areas of White County,” stated Hoofman.

The projects are 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.

Hoofman said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected on both in the summer of 2010.

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