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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WHITE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (3-15) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in White County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock.

The purpose of the project is to construct approximately two miles of passing lanes on Highway 16. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$3,581,158.63.

“This project will provide one northbound and one southbound passing lane on Highway 16 between the cities of Searcy and Pangburn,” stated Hoofman. “These improvements will mean better traffic flow and a safer roadway for motorists traveling in this area of White County.”

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.

Hoofman said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work should be completed in mid-2011.

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