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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SEBASTIAN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Sebastian County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers.

The purpose of the project is to widen approximately three miles of Highway 22 to five lanes, in Central City. C Watts & Sons Construction Company, Inc. of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was awarded the contract at \$13,356,996.60.

“This widening project will begin at the intersection of Highway 22 and Highway 255, in Central City, and continue eastward to Highway 96,” stated Trammel. “Once completed, it will improve the flow of traffic through this area.”

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.

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

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