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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MILLER COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (8-17) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Miller County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock.

The purpose of the project is to pave 7.7 miles of Highway 71, east of Texarkana. Interstate Highway Construction, Inc. of Englewood, Colorado, was awarded the contract at \$38,182,804.97.

“This project on the 245 Loop will begin at Arkansas Boulevard and continue northward to Highway 71,” stated Rosenbaum. “Eventually, the 245 Loop will be a four lane, divided, interstate-quality highway and this section that we are surfacing now will serve as future Interstate 49.”

Rosenbaum said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in early 2012.

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