

# INFORMATION RELEASE



## Office of the Director

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
P. O. Box 2261 – Little Rock, Arkansas Telephone (501) 569-2227

**Contact:**  
Randy Ort/David Nilles

**AHC-130**  
**September 29, 2010**

### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CONWAY AND VAN BUREN COUNTIES**

**LITTLE ROCK (9-29)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Conway and Van Buren Counties, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 13 miles of Highway 92. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$2,195,761.30.

“This project will begin at Center Ridge and continue eastward to Bee Branch,” stated Hoofman.

Hoofman noted that the project is being funded with proceeds from the increase in the natural gas severance tax passed by the state legislature in 2008. Through July of this year, the AHTD has received approximately \$38.5 million in revenue from the natural gas severance tax revenue since the increase went into effect.

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

#####

FS8002