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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-12) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Craighead County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel.

The purpose of the project is to widen approximately six miles of Highway 18, near Black Oak, to five lanes. Atlas Asphalt, Inc. of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$18,984,587.33.

“This widening project will begin at the St. Francis River, where the current five lane section of Highway 18 ends,” stated Regenold. “The new five lane section will extend eastward to Black Oak and then continue northward for two miles toward Monette.”

Regenold said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in 2013.

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