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### **ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (1-12)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Independence County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of Enola.

The purpose of the project is to widen approximately 2.5 miles of N. St. Louis Street (Highway 167), in Batesville, to five lanes. White River Materials, Inc. of Batesville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$6,899,037.58.

“This widening project will begin at Highway 69 and continue northward to Highway 394,” stated Hoofman. “Once completed, this will greatly improve the flow of traffic through this area of Batesville and make this a safer roadway. In addition, a new traffic signal is being installed at the intersection of N. St. Louis Street and White Drive (Highway 25/69).”

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

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