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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MONROE COUNTY

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

The purpose of the project is to widen one mile of Highway 49, in Brinkley, to five lanes. Asphalt Producers, LLC of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$3,705,659.39.

"This widening project will begin at Interstate 40 and continue northward to Highway 17," stated Regenold. "Once completed, this will greatly improve the flow of traffic through this area of Brinkley and make this a safer roadway."

Regenold said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in mid 2012.

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