

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-009
January 12, 2011

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-12) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Washington County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers.

The purpose of the project is to construct the grading and structures for the new Prairie Grove Bypass. Ground Zero Construction, Inc. of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$5,223,090.76.

“This is the first of four projects that will build the new four-mile bypass,” stated Trammel. “The bypass will be on new location to the south of existing Highway 62. This project will construct the grading and structures for two lanes of what will ultimately be a four lane roadway. Once this project and a surfacing project are completed, the bypass will open as a two-lane roadway and improve the flow of traffic in the Prairie Grove area”

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

#####

040524