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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR FIRST SECTION OF BELLA VISTA BYPASS

LITTLE ROCK (2-28) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for what will be the first of several projects to build the Bella Vista Bypass in Benton County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers.

APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$19,854,030.29.

“This project will begin construction of the Bella Vista Bypass,” stated Trammel. “This particular section of the bypass will be located south of Loch Lomond in the Hiwasse area. It will construct three miles of what initially will be two lanes of a four-lane bypass. It will also construct the interchanges at Highway 72 North and Highway 72 South,” Trammel added. “Frontage roads and county road connectors in the area will also be built.”

Five additional projects will be required to complete the initial two lanes of the bypass.

“Once completed, the bypass will be approximately fourteen and one-half miles in length,” Trammel added.

Trammel said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the spring of 2014.

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