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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN POPE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (2-28) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Pope County, according to Commissioner John Burkhalter of Little Rock.

The purpose of the project is to pave approximately 2.25 miles of the Russellville Bypass in the vicinity of Pottsville. Rogers Group, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$5,689,482.68.

“This will be the third of three projects that are constructing the new Russellville Bypass in the Highway 247 area south and east of town,” stated Burkhalter. “Once these three projects are completed, the bypass will extend from the vicinity of the intersection of Highway 7 and Okie Doke Road, in Russellville, eastward along Highway 247 past the Galla Creek golf course. It then extends on new location to Interstate 40 in Pottsville.”

Burkhalter said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2011.

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