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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN JEFFERSON, CLEVELAND AND LINCOLN COUNTIES

LITTLE ROCK (6-1) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Jefferson, Cleveland and Lincoln Counties, according to Commission Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado

The purpose of the project is to pave eleven miles of the extension of Interstate 530. Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Company of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$19,956,869.81.

“This project is one of numerous projects that is extending Interstate 530 southward beyond Pine Bluff and will eventually serve as the new four-lane connector between Pine Bluff and the Warren/Monticello area,” stated Murphy. Two lanes of the ultimate four-lane road are being paved.

“This project will begin at County Road 35 in Jefferson County, extend southward through Cleveland County and continue into Lincoln County to Highway 212. Grading and structure work on the initial two lanes have been underway since 2008.”

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

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