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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN BENTON & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

LITTLE ROCK (11-28) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Benton & Washington Counties, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The purpose of the first project is to pave 4.7 miles of the Prairie Grove Bypass (Highway 62), and to construct the east and west bypass connections. APAC-Central, Inc., of Fayetteville, was awarded the contract at \$9,277,894.79.

The second project will install a cable median barrier along 4.9 miles of selected sections of Highway 71 east of Bentonville. Nationwide Construction Group, of Chesterfield, Michigan, was awarded the contract at \$1,318,563.77. The improvements will begin at Highway 62/102 and continue northward.

The third project will install a cable median barrier along 10.5 miles of selected sections of Highway 412 between Siloam Springs and Tontitown. Eaton Excavating, Inc., of Harrison, was awarded the contract at \$1,491,115.25.

Work on all three projects could begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion of the cable median barrier work is expected in summer of 2013. Completion of the Prairie Grove Bypass paving and connections is expected in late 2014.

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