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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PULASKI & SALINE COUNTIES

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

The purpose of the project is to resurface 7.4 miles of I-530 southwest of Wrightsville. Cranford Construction Company, of North Little Rock, was awarded the contract at \$13,525,134.63.

The improvements will begin at Bingham Road and continue southeastward to the Grant County line. Plans also call for the replacement of three bridges along the route, ranging in length from 150 to 180 feet. Two additional spans will be resurfaced.

Work on the project could begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the summer of 2015.

This project is part of Arkansas' second Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP). In November of 2011, voters overwhelmingly approved the sale of up to \$575 million in Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Bonds to fund over \$1 billion in improvements. Plans call for the rehabilitation of over 450 miles of the state's 656-mile Interstate highway system in the coming years.

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