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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN YELL COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (10-24) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Yell County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The purpose of the project is to replace the Little Rock & Western Railroad overpass on Highway 7 in Ola. Lentz Construction Company, Inc., of Morrilton, was awarded the contract at \$2,852,242.22.

Plans call for replacing the existing span with a 236-foot composite W-beam unit bridge. The new structure will be built adjacent to the existing overpass, allowing that section of Highway 7 to remain open to traffic during construction.

Work on the project could begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2013.

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