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

LITTLE ROCK (9-12) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Baxter County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The purpose of the project is to replace the North Fork River Bridge on Highway 5 in Norfork. Pace Construction Company, LLC, of St. Louis, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$4,545,000.00.

Plans call for replacing the existing span with a 552-foot composite plate girder unit bridge. The new structure will be built directly east of the existing bridge, allowing that section of Highway 5 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 2014.

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