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

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

The project calls for building one mile of roadway on Highway 18 in Blytheville that will connect a new railroad overpass currently under construction in to the local street system. R.L. Persons Construction, Inc., of Poplar Bluff, MO, was awarded the contract at \$6,529,285.50.

The improvements will begin at Highway 61 and continue eastward to South Holland Street. Two other local streets (Walnut & Ash) will be converted from one-way to two-way traffic as part of the project.

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

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