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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MILLER COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-23) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Miller County.

The purpose of the first project is to construct a 4 lane divided roadway on 4.2 miles of Highway 71, south of Doddridge. The work will extend from the Louisiana state line to Doddridge, south of Texarkana.

Interstate Highway Construction, Inc. of Englewood, CO was awarded the contract at \$16,110,526.70.

This is the final project from Texarkana to Louisiana and will eventually be a part of Interstate 49. This, combined with the completion of the Northern Loop in Texarkana will provide 4-lane divided Interstate type roadway from Louisiana to Highway 71 north of Texarkana.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete by the spring of 2015.

The second project will install median cable barrier on 13 miles of Highway 151 and Highway 549 Loop (formerly 245 Loop) in Texarkana. It's part of a project to install 500 miles of cable barrier in Arkansas by 2016.

Eaton Excavating, Inc. of Harrison, AR was awarded the contract at \$2,013,738.50.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete this fall.

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