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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN VAN BUREN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (1-9) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Van Buren County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock.

The purpose of the project is to widen two miles of Highway 65 to five lanes in the city of Clinton. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$11,737,109.23.

"This project will begin at Highway 65B and extend southward to Highway 336," stated Hoofman. "The new roadway will improve safety and the flow of traffic through this area of town."

Hoofman said work could begin on the project in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2010.

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