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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (2-27) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Mississippi County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately one-half mile of County Road 1151. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. of Paragould, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$84,676.14.

"This project is located southeast of the Blytheville Municipal Airport and will extend from Highway 18 over to Highway 137," stated Regenold.

Regenold noted that the County Road project is funded through the State Aid Road Program established by the legislature and administered by the State Aid Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. This program provides approximately \$20 million annually from the state motor fuels tax to assist counties with projects of their choosing on the county road system.

Regenold said work could begin on the project in six to eight weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the summer of 2009.

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