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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN ST. FRANCIS COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (5-20) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in St. Francis County, according to Commissioner John Ed Regenold of Armorel.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 4.3 miles of Highway 1 north of Forest City. M & T Paving & Construction Company, Inc. of Forrest City, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,663,847.02.

“This resurfacing project will begin at Caldwell and extend northward to Colt,” stated Regenold.

Regenold said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected by September 14, 2009.

The project is being funded with money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act provided Arkansas with \$351 million in federal stimulus funds for roadway and bridge improvements throughout the state. Additional information about the ARRA can be found at www.recovery.gov. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to www.recovery.arkansas.gov. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to www.ArkansasHighways.com, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the middle of the page.

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