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## ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN FAULKNER COUNTY

**LITTLE ROCK (3-15)** -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Faulkner County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock.

The project will construct the east and west connections of the Vilonia Bypass and will surface the entire ten miles of the bypass. Interstate Highway Construction, Inc. of Englewood, Colorado, was awarded the contract at \$26,012,127.16.

"This job is going to provide the surfacing for the new four lane bypass at Vilonia," stated Hoofman.

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 <a href="https://www.recovery.gov">www.recovery.gov</a>. For more information about its impact on Arkansas, go to <a href="https://www.recovery.arkansas.gov">www.recovery.arkansas.gov</a>. Information about specific road and bridge construction projects can be found by going to <a href="https://www.ArkansasHighways.com">www.ArkansasHighways.com</a>, and clicking on the ARRA logo and link in the lower right portion of the page.

Hoofman said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work should be completed in early 2012.

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