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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (8-17) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Jefferson County, according to Commission Vice Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado.

The purpose of the project is to construct 2.5 miles of passing lanes on Highway 270. Johnsville Company, LLC or Hermitage, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$3,104,150.77.

"This project will add one westbound and one eastbound passing lane on Highway 270 between White Hall and the Grant County line," stated Murphy. "The new lanes will mean safer travel for motorists in this area."

Murphy said work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in the fall of 2011.

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