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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (8-17) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Montgomery County, according to Commissioner Cliff Hoofman of North Little Rock.

The purpose of the project is to resurface approximately 7.5 miles of Highway 27. Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$1,608,046.70.

"These improvements will be located on Highway 27 in Mount Ida and the surrounding vicinity," stated Hoofman.

The Highway 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 lower right portion of the page.

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

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