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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR NEW BUILDING IN SEBASTIAN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (8-17) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for construction of several new Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department buildings in Sebastian County, according to Commissioner Dick Trammel of Rogers.

The purpose of the project is to construct a maintenance headquarters building, a Highway Police Office building and a District materials lab at the existing District Four Headquarters complex located on Highway 71 at Fort Smith. Crawford Construction Company of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$4,246,249.65.

"These new facilities are going to better serve our Department personnel and allow us to do a better job of maintaining the highway system in Sebastian County and the surrounding counties," Trammel stated.

Trammel said work could begin on the building project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2011.

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