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

**LITTLE ROCK** (9-29) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Lee County, according to Commission John Ed Regenold of Armorel.

The purpose of the project is to widen 1.6 miles of Highway 1 to five lanes, near Marianna. APAC-Tennessee, Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$3,293,215.22.

"This widening project will begin where the existing five-lane section south of Marianna ends," stated Regenold. "This project will extend the five-lane section southward for an additional 1.6 miles."

Regenold 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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