

INFORMATION RELEASE



Office of the Director

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
P. O. Box 2261 – Little Rock, Arkansas Telephone (501) 569-2227

Contact:
Randy Ort/David Nilles

AHC-184
June 13, 2012

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN POPE COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-13) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Pope County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The project calls for resurfacing 11.3 miles of Highway 124, near Russellville. Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$2,023,842.90. The improvements will begin at Highway 105 and extend westward.

The project is being funded with proceeds from the increase in the natural gas severance tax passed by the state legislature in 2008.

Work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work should be completed in late 2012.

#####

FS8030