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

**LITTLE ROCK (5-2)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Benton County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The first project calls for adding an additional 2.3 miles of roadway to the Bella Vista Bypass (Highway 71). Kolb Grading, LLC of St. Charles, Missouri, was awarded the contract at \$13,647,413.56.

“This is the second section of the new bypass to be constructed,” stated Highway Commission Chairman R. Madison Murphy. “Construction will begin at Highway 72 and continue northward to County Road 34.” Four additional projects will be required to complete the initial two lanes of the bypass.

A second project calls for resurfacing 3.9 miles of Highway 59. APAC-Central, Inc. of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$639,469.68.

The improvements will begin at Decatur and extend northward to Spavinaw Creek.

The final project calls for construction of a new bridge over Sager Creek on University Street in Siloam Springs. Manhattan Road & Bridge Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was awarded the contract at \$1,264,879.35.

Work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The Bella Vista Bypass project should be completed in late 2013. The resurfacing of Highway 59 should be completed in the fall of 2012, and the Sager Creek Bridge project should be completed in the summer of 2013.

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