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

**LITTLE ROCK (10-24)** -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Sebastian County, according to the Arkansas State Highway Commission.

The purpose of the project is to pave 5.4 miles of the new Highway 71 near Fort Chaffee. APAC-Tennessee, Inc., of Memphis, Tennessee, was awarded the contract at \$22,649,692.08.

The improvements will begin at the existing Highway 71 and continue northward to Highway 22. Temporary traffic signals will also be installed along existing Highway 71 at the new Highway 71 interchange.

Work on the project could begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2014.

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