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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN FRANKLIN & JOHNSON COUNTIES

LITTLE ROCK (4-22) - The Arkansas State Highway Commission approved a bid for improvements to a roadway in Franklin and Johnson Counties, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The purpose of the project is to reconstruct 8.3 miles of Interstate 40. The work will extend east from Ozark to Highway 164.

Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$6,904,140.58.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete this fall.

This project is part of the 2011 Interstate Rehabilitation Program that will improve 455 miles of Arkansas' Interstates in the coming years.

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