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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN ST. FRANCIS COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (3-16) - The Arkansas State Highway Commission approved a bid for improvements to a roadway in St. Francis County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The purpose of the project is to construct an Interstate 40 eastbound and westbound bridge spanning Blackfish Lake, east of Forrest City (mile marker 262).

James Construction Group, LLC of Baton Rouge, Louisiana was awarded the contract at \$26,928,393.68.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete in late 2018.

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