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### **Arkansas Highway Commission Approves Bid for Improvements in Columbia County**

**COLUMBIA COUNTY (4-5)** - The Arkansas State Highway Commission has approved a bid for improvements to a roadway in Columbia County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The purpose of this project is to widen 4 miles of U.S. Highway 82 from two lanes to 5 lanes between U.S. Highway 79 and County Road 525 in Magnolia.

James Construction Group, LLC of Baton Rouge, LA was awarded the contract at \$22,175,162.47.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2017.

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