

September 14, 2021

Warren Greaser
Laramie Interfaith Board of Directors
712 Canby St.
Laramie, WY 82072

Mr. Greaser:

I have reviewed the documents submitted at the second Bid Opening on September 7, 2021 for the Laramie Interfaith Food Pantry Addition project and herein include my recommendation. Again, only one contractor submitted a bid for the project: Shepard Construction, Inc. The bid amount is detailed below:

Base Bid	\$642,125	
Included Contingency Fund	\$50,000	
Total Base Bid		\$692,125
Alternate #1 (Paint Exterior of Existing)	\$5,400	\$5,400
Alternate #2 (Monument Sign Installation)	\$1,000	\$1,000
Alternate #3 (Concrete Valley Gutter at Porch)	\$2,800	\$2,800
TOTAL BID		<u>\$701,325</u>

As the project is a renovation project, a required contingency fund of \$50,000 is included in the bid quantity, and will only be expended if unforeseeable circumstances arise during construction.

It can be disconcerting to accept a bid without additional bids for comparison, but the previous bid (March, 2020) and the estimated construction cost provided by Groathouse (April, 2020) can provide comparable costs and are detailed below for reference:

Shepard Construction, Inc.	\$701,325
Groathouse Estimate	\$760,490
Previous Bid Amount	\$743,700

It is Dwel, Inc.'s recommendation to award the bid to the singular bidder if the project can be funded by the Owner. Acceptance of any or all of the bid alternates is also at your preference depending on available funds. With consideration of the forthcoming renovation project within the existing facility, it is



my recommendation to reject Alternate #3, as the area of the valley gutter will be disturbed during construction of Phase 3. The surface grading of this area could instead be included in the construction plans for Phase 3. With this recommendation, the project bid amount would be:

Base Bid	\$642,125	
Included Contingency Fund	\$50,000	
Total Base Bid		\$692,125
Alternate #1	\$5,400	\$5,400
Alternate #2	\$1,000	\$1,000
Alternate #3	\$2,800	
TOTAL BID		<u>\$698,525</u>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you on this project, and we look forward to seeing its completion.

Sincerely,



Project Manager
Dwel, Inc.

