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Fire district opens bids for first phase of new station

Board is expected to award contract on June 26

CLARKSTON, WASH. – The Board of Fire Commissioners for Asotin County Fire District 1 opened construction bids for the first phase of the new fire station on June 19. The low bidder - Crea Construction Inc. located in Lewiston, Idaho - came in under the estimate at \$867,901.

The fire district bid the project earlier this year for the entire project. At the time, the lowest bid came in \$1.1 million higher than the fire district's estimate of \$3.6 million. The Board of Fire Commissioners for Asotin County Fire District 1 decided to reject all bids at that time. The fire district worked with its architect and engineering firms to break the scope of work down into several phases. This approach could take longer to complete the full remodel, but it is expected to be more cost-efficient.

After breaking the project up, the fire district went out to bid for the first phase, which included all of the site work and utility hook-ups. Four bids were received for the dirt work and utilities phase:

1. Crea Construction Inc.	\$867,901
2. Albright	\$902,590
3. Quality Contractors, LLC	\$920,130
4. Debco	\$1,027,415

The architect and engineers will review the bids and verify all qualifications are met before a contract can be finalized. The Department of Commerce will also perform a review process due to the grant funding received for the station renovation project.

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Asotin County Fire District 1 provides fire suppression and prevention, emergency medical service (EMS), river rescue, oil spill response and wildland fire protection to 14,000 people over 120 square miles of land and 35 miles of shoreline. Thirty-two volunteer firefighters, 28 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and 35 paramedics (through a partnership with Lewiston) respond to an average of 2,600 calls per year. The fire district operates under a balanced budget and has passed all financial and accountability audits by the state. Learn more about Asotin County Fire District 1 by visiting their web site www.acfd1.org or Facebook page /asotincountyfd1.