

Portland firm has low bid on library work

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A Portland firm bid the lowest price to renovate the original Knight Library building and is expected to begin soon.

S.D. Deacon Corp., in association with Dorman Construction Inc. of Springfield, offered a bid of \$7,670,000 to completely renovate the existing 237,000-square-foot library, the second and final phase of the library project.

The bid, which competed with six other offers, was about 4 percent below the pre-bid cost estimates. This results in an extra \$340,000, which will be reverted into the contingency fund to be used for unanticipated construction costs.

Library officials said they were pleased with the bid and the firm.

"We've done some research on the firm and are looking forward to a successful job," University architect Garry Fritz said.

Under state law, the University has to hire the lowest bidder for projects that use public funds.

All seven bids submitted, which were comparatively close, will be forwarded to the Oregon State System of Higher Education's facilities division, which reviews them to ensure that project specification and statutory requirements are met by the apparent low bidder.

Assistant University librarian Andrew Bonamici said he believes the reason why the bid was lower than expected was the success of the plans the Eugene architecture firm, TBG Architects and Planners, presented the bidders.

"I have nothing but praise for

our design team," Bonamici said. "The plans were very clear."

The aim of the renovation, Bonamici said, is to integrate the old building — consisting of an original core built in 1937 and additions made in 1950 and 1966 — with the 135,000-square-foot expansion completed last December.

Renovation will include modernization of deteriorating finishes, improved traffic patterns and telecommunications cabling to provide access to electronic information.

Aesthetic improvements will include new carpeting, furniture and some minor wall movements.

In addition, the heating, ventilation and lighting systems will be upgraded. The old building will also be made more wheelchair accessible.

The second phase, which will finish the entire project, is expected to be completed in the fall of 1994.

At a total cost of \$27.4 million in state and private funds, the two-phase expansion and renovation project will have more than double seating capacity and increase shelving space by about 27 percent.

Planning for the library expansion and renovation project began in 1987 with 780,000 provided by the state Legislature. The 1989 Legislature appropriated \$17.2 million, but after passage of the property tax-limiting Measure 5, the state Executive Department reduced the allocation by \$306,000.

The University Foundation is raising the \$9.7 million balance in gifts, grants and other private sources.

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Bascom said she was not surprised at the results and believes the vote went "fairly well, considering there was no campaign; no group came forward to urge adoption of the tax."

Councilman Kaye Robinette agreed.

"One of the problems we had in just putting it in the general fund was that there was no natural constituency. Everyone benefited, so no one had a real stake in it," Robinette said.

"We were unable to give the voters a sense of what would happen if the restaurant tax failed," he said.

Robinette also said he was disappointed, but not surprised at the outcome of the vote, especially in light of the extensive anti-tax campaign.

"When the opposition spends \$50,000, and we spent \$300, you're not surprised," Robinette said.

Robinette also said the election results were in accordance with the Eugene Decisions survey.

"We had 40 percent who said they would vote for it, and they did, and we had 30 percent who said they were undecided, and they didn't vote for it," Robinette said.

Bascom said another revenue measure of some sort is planned as well as more cuts and user fees.

Bascom said she hopes to have some kind of measure on a fall ballot, either in September or November.

Robinette said he believed the council may consider a bond to fund maintenance and identify areas in which further cuts can be made.

"It should be interesting to see whether or not this council can agree in what services will be cut — it won't be a fun process," he said.

DISABILITIES

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but people asking the same boring questions," she said. "Everyday I'm on campus at least two people will ask me what happened to my back. I don't feel it's the most interesting thing about me."

Because of a back problem, Meininger must sometimes lay on the floor during classes and on benches while waiting for buses. Fellow students are often curious when they see her stretched out on a bench at the University bus stop.

Meininger said she believes an untreated foot injury in 1989 led the cartilage in her knees to become inflamed.

For several months when Meininger first began having knee problems, she had Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. The disorder caused the tendons in her hands to swell and press on the nerves. She was unable to hold a pencil.

Most professors have been responsive to her needs, Meininger said. But she dropped a few classes when she had Carpal Tunnel Syndrome because teachers were unwilling to make copies of their lecture notes for her.

"When you're trying to get a good grade from someone, and they say, 'No' (to a request), you don't feel you can say, 'Why not?'" she said.

Sherena Meagher-Osteen, 42, is legally blind, having 22/100 vision. An object 20 feet away from Meagher-Osteen looks the same to her as an object 200 feet away looks to a person with perfect 20/20 vision.

Meagher-Osteen was born with normal eyesight, but when she was 28, her retinas began deteriorating. At 31, her doctor told her she was legally blind.

Meagher-Osteen said she talks with professors before a course begins and tells them she is blind and may require some accommodations. Some professors turn their back on her when she approaches them in class.

One teacher gave Meagher-Osteen a test to take outside of class and then cut the test by a third during classtime. The teacher knew where she was but never called her about the test change, she said.

Some administrators have been unwilling to hear her complaints about professors, Meagher-Osteen said. She said she's been called a trouble-maker.

In November 1992, she filed a grievance with the Office of Affirmative Action against an administrator for not accommodating her and for sending a "scolding" letter to her when she went to another administrator. The grievance is under investigation.

"My greatest disability is the attitudes of others," she said.



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