

LARIMER COUNTY BID #14-20  
PINWOOD RESERVOIR CAMPGROUND ENHANCEMENTS  
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2014 2:00 P.M.

Bids to consider performing enhancements at Pinewood Reservoir's campground for the Larimer County Engineering Department were received and opened on Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Purchasing Department. Bids were opened by Heather MacMillan, Purchasing Agent I and recorded by Les Brown, Department Specialist I. The following bid was received:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>Bid Schedule</u>
Walsh Construction	\$661,897.00

No decision of award was made pending review and recommendation by the Larimer County Engineering Department.

The Larimer County Engineering Department reviewed the one (1) bid that was received and recommends accepting the bid from Walsh Construction per the attached departmental recommendation.

The Larimer County Purchasing Department concurs with the above recommendations.



Kathryn Rowe  
Purchasing Director



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**TO:** Mark Peterson, County Engineer Gary Buffington, Director of Natural Resources  
Matt Johnson, civil Engineer III  
**FROM:** Heather MacMillan, Purchasing Agent I  
**DATE:** 7/31/14  
**SUBJECT:** B14-20, Pinewood Reservoir Campground Enhancements

Transmitted for your review and recommendation, is the one (1) bid received to consider performing Pinewood Reservoir Campground Enhancements. Purchasing has noticed this summer that construction bids have come in between 30% - 50% over the engineer's estimate, and very few firms (often only one) are choosing to provide bids. We spoke with seven (7) vendors who were directly solicited with this Invitation to Bid, and some of their reasons for not bidding include;

- "We are way too busy to bid"
- "Our schedule is full through the end of 2014"
- "We can't find qualified staff"
- "We would have bid if the schedule for completion could be pushed out to spring 2015, but that was not an option"

Due to the lack of bids received and the state of the construction market currently, you may want to consider shutting this bid down and re-bidding it after January 1, 2015.

When you have completed your review of the bids, please prepare your recommendation on this form and return the form to me. If you do not recommend awarding the bid to the lowest bidder, please explain why. This document will be considered a public record and open to inspection.

I recommend Walsh Construction in the amount of \$ 6661,897.00

for the following reasons: this bid is the sda bidder and is above the Engineers estimate. We understand the current market situation. The project needs to proceed w/o another delay and before funding sources expire. The department has funds available to expend for this expanded cost.

**THIS RECOMMENDATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD**

Gary Buffington  
DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

Natural Resources  
DEPARTMENT

8/08/2014  
DATE

Thank you.