

RESOLUTION NO. R26-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AWARDING CONTRACT TO B-D CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE BASE BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,379.50 FOR COLUMBUS LOUP RIVER BRIDGE MITIGATION 2026.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R24-13 dated February 5, 2024, approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Nebraska State Historical Preservation Office and the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the project is pursuant to 35 CFR 800 regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the agreed upon related bridge mitigation display structure; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Transportation agrees to reimburse the City of Columbus for related design, fabrication, and installation of the bridge mitigation display structure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus received bids for Columbus Loup River Bridge Mitigation 2026 on May 19, 2026, with B-D Construction, Inc. submitting the lowest bid for the Base Bid, in the amount of \$136,379.50, as detailed in the bid tabulation; and

WHEREAS, city staff recommends award of the contract for Columbus Loup River Bridge Mitigation 2026, Base Bid for a total contact price of \$136,379.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, that the award of a contract with B-D Construction, Inc., for the base bid in the amount of \$136,379.50 for Columbus Loup River Bridge Mitigation 2026 be accepted and the mayor be authorized to sign contracts for this project.

This resolution shall repeal all resolutions or portions thereof in conflict herewith.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

CITY ATTORNEY

CITY CLERK



Accountability - Dedication
Honesty - Integrity - Respect

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 27, 2026
TO: Tara Vasicek, City Administrator
FROM: Richard Bogus, City Engineer
RE: Columbus Loup River Bridge Mitigation 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend award of the Bid for the above-referenced project to B-D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$136,379.50.

DISCUSSION:

Four bids were received and a Bid Tabulation sheet is attached. The Burns McDonnell Engineer's Estimate of Cost was \$204,590.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is replacing the US 30/81 Loup River southbound truss bridge. Said southbound truss bridge is on the Register of Historic Places. The NDOT is using federal funds for the project and therefore required to meet the Nebraska Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Section 106, which requires mitigation of adverse effect.

The NDOT provided the public with the opportunity to comment on the undertaking, including stakeholders and public meetings, with the conclusion that the mitigation of adverse effect to the Loup River Bridge shall be accomplished by the installation of a bridge mitigation display structure and associated interpretive panel. The location of the mitigated bridge structure and display will be west of the Pawnee Park West Shelter over the existing trail. Refer to attached Exhibit labeled "Attachment 1: Exhibit 3" for approximate proposed location for the bridge mitigation display structure and concept.

Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2026 and be substantially complete by the end of the year and final complete in spring 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed 2026-2027 budget CIP 25-25 in the amount of \$175,000 for construction, testing, construction observation and project close out. All costs are refundable through the NDOT.

ALTERNATIVE:

NHPA Section 106 is a federal requirement for the Loup River Bridge Reconstruction project.

SIGNATURE:

By: Richard J. Bogus

Approved By: [Signature]



— Temporary Limits of Construction

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Feet



Attachment 1: Exhibit 3
Truss Recreation Rendering
Columbus South Bridges
NDOT
Platte County, Nebraska

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
 BID TABULATION
 COLUMBUS LOUP RIVER BRIDGE MITIGATION 2026
 BID OPENING: MAY 19, 2026 AT 2:00 P.M.**

	Contractor: B-D Construction 2154 E 32nd Ave Columbus, NE 68601	Contractor: MC Wells Contracting, LLC 15823 Cottonwood St. Omaha, NE 68136	Contractor: Lobato Construction, LLC 151 North 8th St., Ste. 220 Lincoln, NE 68508	Contractor: High Plains Structural Group 7701 Cornhusker Hwy Lincoln, NE 68507
	Bid Bond: X	Bid Bond: X	Bid Bond: X	Bid Bond: X
ADDENDUM(S) ACKNOWLEDGED	X	X	X	X
Description	Unit Price	Unit Price	Unit Price	Unit Price
	136,379.50	178,290.00	211,445.00	239,958.50
Total Base Bid	136,379.50	178,290.00	211,445.00	239,958.50

PROJECT START DATE	August 1, 2026	September 28, 2026	September 14, 2026	September 28, 2026
SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE	November 6, 2026	November 6, 2026	October 31, 2026	November 6, 2026
FINAL COMPLETION DATE	April 15, 2027	December 31, 2026	April 15, 2027	April 15, 2027

May 20, 2026

Richard Bogus, PE
City Engineer
City of Columbus, Nebraska

RE: Columbus Loup River Bridge Mitigation – Bid Tab Analysis

The City of Columbus requested Burns & McDonnell review contractor bids received for the Columbus Loup River Bridge Mitigation project and provide recommendation regarding award.

We have reviewed the four contractor bids received for the aforementioned project. For comparison, the engineer's estimate for this project was \$204,590. The median bid price among the four submitted bids was \$194,867.50.

During our review of the bid package from B-D Construction, Inc., we noted two minor mathematical discrepancies between the listed unit prices and the extended line totals:

- For Item 7, Furnish and Install Interpretive Panel, the quantity is two and the unit price is \$5,500.00. The extended total was incorrectly listed as \$5,500.00 but corrects to \$11,000.00. The base bid total on the bid form correctly accounts for the \$11,000.00 line price for item 7.
- For Item 10, Epoxy Coated Reinforcing Steel for Foundations, the quantity is 2,345 and the unit price is \$1.10. The extended total was handwritten as \$2,580.00 but corrects to \$2,579.50. Therefore, the base bid total would be corrected to \$136,379.50.

These mathematical corrections have been applied to establish the final, corrected bid total of \$136,379.50. A complete bid tabulation comparing all four contractors and detailing these line items is included as Attachment 1.

The bulk of the savings between the low bid and the next lowest bid is driven by three bid items, specifically structural steel, reinforcing steel, and concrete for foundations. The remaining line items sidewalks and site work were generally in line with the competition.

Based on our analysis of the documents submitted, B-D Construction, Inc. submitted the lowest bid with a corrected total of \$136,379.50. It is recommended that the City of Columbus award the construction contract to B-D Construction, Inc. for this amount.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Bid Tabulation
- Attachment 2 – Contractor Bid Forms
- Attachment 3 – Engineers Estimate

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Winkelmann".

Michelle Winkelmann, PE

Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.



Attachment 1
 Project: Columbus Loup River Bridge Mitigation
 Date: May 20, 2026
 Location: Columbus, Nebraska

BID SUMMARY SHEET				High Plains Structural Group		B-D Construction, Inc.		MC Wells Contracting, LLC		Lobato Construction, LLC		Engineers Estimate	
Item Number	Description	Unit	Quantity	Line Amount	Bid Amount	Line Amount	Bid Amount	Line Amount	Bid Amount	Line Amount	Bid Amount	Line Amount	Bid Amount
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$23,990.00	\$23,990.00	\$18,392.00	\$18,392.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00		
2	CLEARING AND GRUBBING - GENERAL	LS	1	\$6,535.00	\$6,535.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
3	REMOVE WALK	SY	99	\$15.50	\$1,534.50	\$18.00	\$1,782.00	\$45.00	\$4,455.00	\$30.00	\$2,970.00		
4	6" CONCRETE SIDEWALK, CLASS 47B-3500	SY	99	\$171.00	\$16,929.00	\$96.00	\$9,504.00	\$90.00	\$8,910.00	\$125.00	\$12,375.00		
5	6" IMPRINTED CONCRETE SIDEWALK, CLASS 47B-3500	SY	78	\$270.00	\$21,060.00	\$165.00	\$12,870.00	\$100.00	\$7,800.00	\$190.00	\$14,820.00		
6	SEEDING, TYPE B	ACRE	0.2	\$4,700.00	\$940.00	\$8,200.00	\$1,640.00	\$12,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$15,000.00	\$3,000.00		
7	FURNISH AND INSTALL INTERPRETIVE PANEL	EA	2	\$6,500.00	\$13,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00		
8	FOUNDATION EXCAVATION	LS	1	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,472.00	\$5,472.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00		
9	CONCRETE, CLASS 47B-3000 FOR FOUNDATIONS	CY	30	\$1,800.00	\$54,000.00	\$620.00	\$18,600.00	\$700.00	\$21,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$30,000.00		
10	EPOXY COATED REINFORCING STEEL FOR FOUNDATIONS	LB	2345	\$6.00	\$14,070.00	\$1.10	\$2,579.50	\$5.00	\$11,725.00	\$4.00	\$9,380.00		
11	STRUCTURAL STEEL FOR SUPERSTRUCTURE (GALVANIZED ASTM A992 GR 50)	LB	7800	\$10.50	\$81,900.00	\$6.80	\$53,040.00	\$10.00	\$78,000.00	\$13.00	\$101,400.00		
Total Direct Cost					\$239,958.50		\$136,379.50		\$178,290.00		\$211,445.00		\$204,590
Start Date													
Start On Site Construction Date					September 28, 2026		September 28, 2026		September 28, 2026		September 14, 2026		September 28, 2026
Substantial Completion Date					November 6, 2026		November 6, 2026		November 6, 2026		October 31, 2026		November 6, 2026
Final Completion Date					April 15, 2027		April 15, 2027		December 31, 2026		April 15, 2027		April 15, 2027
RESULT					HIGH BID		LOW BID						

Indicates Corrected Field