

Hand-In-Hand early childhood development center

• Board receives architect proposals, estimates start-up costs

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Nine architectural design proposals have been submitted for the Hand-In-Hand early childhood development center to be constructed at 356 Brundage St.

The Wyoming Business Council has awarded two \$1.5 million grants to construct the center, which will offer infant care and preschool educational services for families otherwise unable to find or afford child care.

Kent Anderson, physical plant director at Sheridan College, provided the Sheridan Economic & Educational Development Authority Joint Powers Board with the design proposals at the board's meeting Tuesday.

Proposals were received from JGA Architects, Riverton;

Randall Hine Architects, Casper; TSP, Sheridan; Gertsch-Baker & Associates, Laramie; Malone Belton Abel PC, Sheridan; Armstrong Design Studio, Sheridan; Praxis LLC, Wilson; Plan 1 Architects, Rock Springs; and Studio 10 Architects, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Anderson said that after the board has reviewed the proposals, a short list of businesses will be asked to make presentations.

Anderson advises the board on architectural and construction services.

Anderson, Board Chairman Tom Sachse, board members



Tom Sachse
Development Board Chairman

Michelle Sullivan and Mark Englert, Sheridan College education instructor Lissanna Follari; and developer Paul DelRossi will serve on the committee to review and rank the proposals.

The board approved a schedule for evaluating the proposals:

- Jan. 8 — Choose short list for presentations;
 - Jan. 21 — Presentations; and
 - Jan. 22 — Choose architect.
- Start-up costs before construction begins are estimated between \$90,000 and \$100,000, Sachse said.

Those costs include utility payments for gas and electric ser-

vices already on-site, pre-construction liability insurance, snow removal on sidewalks bordering the site, and demolition of at least one building, he said.

The SEEDA Board is composed of representatives from Sheridan County School District 2, Sheridan College, and the city.

Sachse requested that the Sheridan College board of trustees and Sheridan City Council formally approve sharing equally in payment of start-up costs before the board receives its first \$1.5 million grant from the Wyoming Business Council.

Sachse, who is also a School District 2 assistant superintendent, said the school board has approved sharing "nominal pre-construction start-up costs."

SEEDA's next meeting is 5:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at City Hall.

Whitney land donation accepted

The Sheridan Economic & Educational Development Authority Joint Powers Board on Tuesday accepted the donation of approximately one acre located at 356 Brundage St. from Whitney Benefits Inc.

Hand-In-Hand, an early childhood development center, will be built on the site.

This is an "incredible contribution Whitney has made," said Board Chair Tom Sachse. "It's going to be a wonderful site for us."

Construction will be funded by two \$1.5 million grants approved by the Wyoming Business Council. A consortium of Sheridan County School District 2, Sheridan College, and the city applied for the grants.