

# early childhood education center

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Armstrong Design Studio of Sheridan will design the Hand-In-Hand early childhood education center following final negotiations and contract signing.

The Sheridan Economic and Educational Development Authority Joint Powers Board voted unanimously to offer the architectural contract to Armstrong at its meeting Tuesday.

The center is a joint project of the city of Sheridan, Sheridan County School District 2, and Sheridan College. Funding is provided by two \$1.5 million grants from the Wyoming Business Council.

Board members attended architectural presentations Monday by Armstrong and studio TEN architects LLC of Colorado Springs, Colo. The two firms were selected from among nine bidders to make presentations.

"Pragmatism" played a large role in choosing Armstrong — the local firm — said SEEDA Chairman Tom Sachse. "It keeps spending in the community, and Armstrong has a good track record" on similar projects, he said.

"It wasn't an easy decision," Sachse added, because both firms have good reputations and made impressive presentations.



**Tom Sachse**

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