

Sauk Valley Community College
November 28, 2022

Action Item 4.2

Topic: **Public Bid Action – 2022 West Mall Plaza Improvements Project**

College Health Metric: **Campus Environment: College facilities and grounds are clean and updated; the campus is safe, secure, and welcoming.**

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Presentation:

Proposals for the 2022 West Mall Plaza Improvements Project were opened in the Riverview Conference Room at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 16, 2022. The project was publicly advertised on August 26, 2022, and six (6) contractors and two (2) plan rooms requested and were provided bid documents. A pre-bid meeting was conducted on August 31, 2022, and six (6) contractors were in attendance. One (1) bid proposal was received, opened, and read aloud and a summary of the bid received is attached herewith. The lone bid received exceeded the project budget.

The sole bidder was interviewed by phone, and the scope of work, material quantities, project schedule and project procedures were discussed. Based on the information obtained during the phone interview with the sole bidder, the College ascertained that uncertainty and spikes in material costs, project schedule and timeline, workload and availability of sub-contractors, and uniqueness of design elements of the project contributed to the higher than anticipated bid amount. In addition, other contractors who attended the pre-bid meeting but did not submit a bid proposal were interviewed and stated that reasons for not submitting a bid proposal included project schedule and timeline, current workloads, availability of sub-contractors, and project budget. These contractors also communicated that they would like to be made aware of the project if it were to be rebid at another time and stated they would likely submit a bid in a different bidding climate.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board not accept the one bid received. The administration will re-evaluate the scope, budget, and timeline for the project.

