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RE: New Caribou Police Facility

Dear Ellen,

Thank you for your email and for the transparency you've maintained throughout this process. We appreciate the City's commitment to working collaboratively toward a solution that meets both functional and budgetary goals.

Blane Casey Building Contractor, Inc. would be pleased to assist the City of Caribou by providing value engineering services to help bring the Caribou Police Facility project within a contractable budget.

However, we respectfully believe that requesting value engineering input from all three low bidders—given the exceptionally close bid results—would not represent an equitable or efficient approach. Instead, we recommend that the City identify and proceed with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, as determined by the base bid and alternates combined.

If, based on that evaluation, Blane Casey is confirmed as the lowest responsive bidder, we welcome the opportunity to engage with the City and project team to develop cost-saving strategies. We already have several preliminary ideas that could meaningfully reduce the project's cost while preserving the design intent and operational goals. If for any reason we are unable to proceed, we fully understand the City may then approach the next-lowest responsive bidder.

Blane Casey Building Contractor, Inc. has a strong history of successful delivery on municipal and public safety projects, and we are confident that our experience positions us to contribute meaningful value to this effort.

Thank you again for the opportunity. We remain enthusiastic about the possibility of partnering with the City of Caribou on this important project and look forward to your direction on the next steps.

With appreciation,



Galen Casey, Vice President  
Blane Casey Building Contractor, Inc.