

2010 Legal and Public Notices

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Invitation To Bid

Sealed bids will be received by the State Engineer on behalf of the Department of Social Services at the Office of the State Engineer, Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182 until July 1, 2014, 3:00 PM CT for Pre-Demolition Electrical System Modifications, Human Services Center, Yankton, SD, OSE # H1313--05X/HSMR.

Combined Bids will be received to remove electrical equipment and reconnect circuits in preparation for demolition, including all necessary Demolition, General, Mechanical, and Electrical work.

Contractors Please Note: A pre-bid meeting will be conducted at the Human Services Center on June 27, 2014 at 10:00 AM CT. Meet at the project office of Larry Lanning (south side of the boiler plant), 605.661.8584. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for contractors to be responsible and their Bid to be considered.

Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be obtained by bidders at the office of Geotek Engineering, 909 E. 50th Street North, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, 605.335.5512; contact: Dan Hanson. Copies are on file for viewing purposes at the Office of the State Engineer, Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182. Anyone requesting, reviewing, or copying Plans and Specifications for this project (such individual is hereinafter referred to as "bidder") agrees that they are doing so for the sole purpose of submitting a bid on the project. In consideration of the State of South Dakota providing such Plans and Specifications for the purpose of preparing a bid, bidder further agrees:

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C. Any copies of the Plans and Specifications made by the bidder will be destroyed immediately after the State provides notice that bidder will not be awarded a contract, or thirty (30) days after the bid opening for the project, whichever occurs first; D. If bidder does not submit a bid, bidder will fulfill the requirements of B and C above on or before the date of the bid opening;

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Should bidder be awarded a contract for construction of the project, bidder does not need to return or destroy plans and specifications until after completion of the project.

Each bid in excess of \$50,000.00 must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or draft in the amount of 5% of the base bid and all add alternates and drawn on a State or National Bank or a 10% bid bond issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota and made payable to the Department of Social Services of the State of South Dakota.

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Education

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stands ready to offer whatever advice and services are needed by the five schools. In some cases, the students could obtain dual credit for courses and complete their degrees on the NECC campus.

"We are glad to be at the table," Blaylock told the Press & Dakotan. "We can offer more resources and make an impact any way we can."

MAKING CAREER PLANS

Last week's meeting in Norfolk included presentations by about a half-dozen members of the Nebraska Education Department (NED). They described Nebraska's career education programs, which could help the five schools qualify for federal Perkins grants.

The programs include career technical education (CTE), core courses and other required/supportive classes. Besides preparing students for careers, a program should identify extended learning opportunities. Those experiences can include career student organizations, work-based learning, and other school and community activities.

The program's six career clusters include: business, marketing and management; human services and education; health services; skilled

Rezac

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dedicated her life to ensuring the community received the best healthcare possible.

"She has given up her life to provide the highest quality of care for the Yankton area," Hunhoff said. "She always put the patients and then the staff before herself. She has been a role model for the community, and she will be sorely missed."

ASHH board chairman Rob Stephenson also noted Rezac's dedication to the hospital.

"It's hard to imagine how involved and how hard working she was all the time," Stephenson said. "She always had things here (at the hospital) or in the community that kept her going from early in the morning to late at night, and then she got up and did it all over again."

Stephenson said there aren't many people like Rezac.

"Her perseverance and ability to keep battling are amazing," he said. "It's been incredibly challenging here, but there was never anything she didn't think could be accomplished. Yankton healthcare has come so far in 17 years."

In Rezac's 17 years as CEO of ASHH, she has overseen

and technical services; communications and information systems; agriculture, food and natural resources; and college and career readiness.

The career training could provide a "home grown" workforce already living in, familiar with and committed to northeast Nebraska, the NED officials said. That line of thinking would apply not only to high school students but also to adults.

Cory Epler, deputy state director for Nebraska Career Education, told the Press & Dakotan he encourages the five schools to think in terms of benefiting the entire region.

"There is a clear link between education, workforce and economic development," he said. "How do we continue to grow this area and region, offering opportunities for students to be college and career ready?"

In that respect, the effort must begin at an early age, Epler said.

"Career exploration needs to start in the elementary schools. They start thinking about careers in fourth grade," he said. "If you start talking about careers in middle school and high school, that may be too late."

LIFELONG LEARNING

The five schools haven't focused entirely on K-12 students.

At the Norfolk meeting, the administrators and teachers discussed offering adult education programs through the five schools.

Those courses could involve a partnership with colleges, universities and technical institutes.

The adult education courses could be offered locally at night and on weekends, using distance learning, online offerings and visiting instructors. In turn, the local courses would put classrooms to use outside of regular school hours and save area residents the time and expense of commuting to regional centers.

The wide-ranging discussion has looked at career areas such as welding, auto body work, agriculture, health care, athletic training, tourism and hospitality services, and media arts and communications. The courses could be combined with hands-on training using local businesses, health care facilities and manufacturers.

One part of the discussion talked about offering instruction on wind turbines. The training would provide workers and technical support for Knox County's wind farms near Bloomfield and Crofton, Neb.

In addition, programs could promote entrepreneurship and the start-up of businesses.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

The five-school discussion could result in programs not currently available in rural areas such as Knox County, Cerny said.

"More training and educational opportunities would be an economic development benefit for us," he said.

Incident

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did not actually witness the incident, she told the Press & Dakotan. However, she was enraged by what her friend said he had endured.

The post describing the situation soon began being re-posted by other Facebook members. On Wednesday evening, original post had 380 likes and 112 comments.

When reached by the Press & Dakotan Wednesday, Yankton Taco John's manager John Scott said he had received two death threats related to the accusations.

He said he was not present Monday night when the alleged events occurred and was conducting an investigation into the matter.

"At Taco John's, we have a policy that we don't discriminate against anyone," Scott said. "This blew out of proportion before we even got a chance to investigate. We didn't even get to defend ourselves. Everyone thinks we're guilty. Don't believe everything you read on the Internet. Not everything is true."

He said a manager and two employees - including Brandt - were involved.

"We never forced him to wear the name tag," Scott stated. "He wore it himself. I have an employee who wrote me a statement and is signing it saying so."

"From what I understand, they were all joking around. Everyone has a nickname here, and he wanted a nickname. (Gaytard is) what he picked for a nickname. He wasn't forced to wear the name tag. He asked the

manager to make that name tag for him. He handed it to him. He didn't tell him he had to wear it. He put it on himself and created the situation. He said the manager forced him to do it. The manager didn't force him to do anything."

Scott said Brandt became upset when he was told to go home early Monday for "not doing his job" and resigned early the next morning.

Brandt scoffed at the idea that he asked for the nickname and chose to wear the name tag.

"Do you really think I'd want to go around making a mockery of who I am?" he asked. "It's really irritating to think someone could believe I would want that label."

Patricia Hays, general counsel for Taco John's International, Inc., told the Press & Dakotan that she is familiar with the accusations that were made on Facebook.

"Taco John's is a franchised business," she said. "The alleged incident has taken place at a franchise location, which is independently owned and operated. This is an employee matter, and as a franchisor, we are not the employer. We can't investigate the employee matter. We've contacted the independent owner and made him aware of what is alleged to have happened and requested that he do an investigation and handle it."

Michael Scott, John's father, is the owner of the Yankton Taco John's.

Hays said that Taco John's

construction of Majestic Bluffs, the Surgery Center, the Same Day Surgery Center, the Emergency Department, the Avera Professional Office Pavilion and Education Center, the Women's and Birthing Center, the in-patient Surgery Center and the Northern Lights addition. Additionally, Rezac helped Avera Sacred Heart grow its presence from seven facilities in five communities to more than 20 facilities in 13 communities.

Rezac said she is ready to slow down and enjoy retirement.

"I am ready to put my focus on my family," she said. "As I got ready to retire, I realized I had put more hours into work than family, so I'm ready

to change my focus."

However, just because Rezac is retiring, doesn't mean she won't be keeping tabs on her hospital.

"I have every confidence my team will continue on with excellence," Rezac said. "I know they will uphold my standards. There are definite outcomes I expect in the future."

Rezac will teach health administration courses at Mount Marty College in the fall.

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"It gives us more access to training workers in special skills that are needed as well as other adult education skills to help in general."

Continuing education plays a major role in recruiting and retaining workers, Cerny said.

"The communities that are the most vibrant in northeast Nebraska and southeast South Dakota — Yankton, Vermillion, Norfolk and Wayne — have higher education in their communities," he said.

"This allows those communities to have close proximity not only to training opportunities, but also produces newly-educated students into the local labor force."

The five-school discussion can break new ground in the way rural areas look at education and life-long learning, Cerny said.

"This potential school merger and the possibility of some partnership with Northeast (Community) College could provide a sort of hybrid higher education system right in the Knox County area at the high school, with students receiving more college credit than typical and (with) expanded access for adults to take specialized training," he said.

The cooperation with post-secondary schools could take many forms, Cerny said.

"How the partnership would ultimately look is uncertain," he said. "But the evidence is clear from other communities that having some sort of partnership

with 'higher education' in your backyard seems to help stimulate the economy."

As part of their agreement, the five schools have been asked to contribute up to \$10,000 each to cover expenses for the study. In turn, they could receive financial assistance to cover costs.

Osmond superintendent Dave Hamm told the Press & Dakotan the five schools can apply for revision grants of \$5,000 per school, amounting to a total of \$25,000, and implementation grants of \$50,000 annually per school over a three-year period, bringing another \$750,000.

Hamm said the five-school effort has gained attention far outside Knox and Pierce counties. He pointed to inquiries and media coverage not only across Nebraska but from other states.

"This is getting national attention," he said.

The five schools' efforts at career development could provide a model for all of Nebraska, said Bev Newton with the Nebraska Career Education staff.

"Companies are crying for workers," she said. "They will leave Nebraska because we can't fill their needs."

For more information, visit online at www.knox-countyeconomicdevelopment.com.

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at twitter.com/RNDockendorf. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net.

International does not request the results of such an employee investigation.

"We certainly do not have a policy of discrimination at Taco John's International," she added. "We require our franchisees to follow the laws. Therefore, they have to have policies that say they don't discriminate."

Both John Scott and Brandt said legal avenues could be explored in regards to the case.

Brandt said he is currently looking for a new job.

Despite being bullied from a young age for his sexuality and other things, he said he has chosen to come to terms with who he is as a person.

"If you can't come to terms with who you are now, it's (eventually) going to be all right," he said to those who may be having difficulties with their sexual identity. "It took me a long time to understand what was going on with myself. Once I realized that I wasn't a heterosexual, it took me time to come to terms with it. After you learn to respect and love yourself, you learn that if people really care about you, they will love you no matter what your sexuality."

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Yankton Area RELAY FOR LIFE *There's No Place Like hope!*
American Cancer Society

**Come Join The Fun
June 27 & 28, Riverside Park!**

This year's Relay For Life is getting revved up with a great theme of "There's No Place Like HOPE"! This Wizard of Oz inspired theme is going to be threaded through the entire night with special games, reenactments, special themed laps, and prizes for everyone willing to come down and help us celebrate our survivors and remember those we have lost to cancer. Take a look at this great line up of ceremonies and activities:

- 4:30pm.....Survivor Registration
- 5:00-7:00pm.....Community Meal - **EVERYONE WELCOME!** Pork Loins, chips, carrots, watermelon and drink. Survivors eat free. Everyone else is minimum donation of \$5.
- 5:45pm.....Survivor Picture
- 6:00-9:00pm.....Relay Store
- 6:15pm.....Survivor Lap/Ceremony
- 7:30pm.....Lewis & Clark Theatre Company presents the return of "Wicked Witch of Oz"
- 8:00pm.....Fight Back Ceremony
- 8:30pm.....ACS Fight Back Line Dance
- Emerald City Talent Search - Bring your talents to share with others!*
- 9:30pm.....Luminaria Ceremony
- 10:00pm.....Raffle Drawing
- Ruby Red Shoes competition! Everyone gets to vote. There is a \$5 entry fee and prizes will be awarded. Please make sure to have your entries turned in by 6:00pm.*
- 11:00pm.....Laser Tag
- Midnight.....Wizard of Oz Quiz Bowl!
- 3:00am.....Flying Monkey Games!
- 4:30am.....Darla's Boot Camp!
- 5:00am.....Breakfast
- 5:30am-6:00am.....Closing Ceremony & Clean Up

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Independence Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Friday, July 4th, for the Independence Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

- Saturday, July 5 newspaper - 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 1
- Monday, July 7 newspaper - 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 1
- Tuesday, July 8 newspaper - 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 2
- Out On The Town, July 8 & 10 - 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 2
- Wednesday, July 9 newspaper - 5 p.m., Thursday, July 3

There will be no newspaper on Friday, July 4, 2014.

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