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Kiewit Western Apparent Low Bidder for Runway 9L-27R Site Preparation

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) is proud to have reached another milestone in preparation for breaking ground on this historic project.

The bids are in for O'Hare's first new runway project in more than thirty years and the first project to be built by the OMP.

Kiewit Western Co., headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska with regional offices in Elgin, is the apparent low bidder for Site Preparation for North Airfield Runway 9L-27R. Kiewit Western's winning bid of \$125.9 million is lower than the \$129.5 million bid package submitted by the joint venture of Walsh Construction, TJ Lambrecht Construction and Plote Construction.

All bids were within 2 percent of the OMP project design team's estimate, reflecting their expertise and knowledge of construction projects at O'Hare.

"The bids were on target with our estimate, so I am pleased with the project team's ability to accurately assess the value of this project," said Rosemarie S. Andolino, OMP Executive Director. "It is also encouraging that a nationally-recognized firm like Kiewit Western sought out the opportunity to do construction work at O'Hare. We hope to attract the best firms from across the country to competitively bid on future construction projects."

Work under this contract includes but is not limited to demolishing of existing pavement, utilities, building foundations and Guard Post No. 1; installation of erosion control devices; earth work for Runway 9L-27R and Taxiway grading; storm sewer and drainage construction; relocation of sanitary lines and water mains; construction of power, communication and FAA duct bank systems; excavation of North Detention Pond; relocation of Willow-Higgins Creek including construction of the concrete box culverts; topsoiling and seeding.

The City of Chicago Department of Procurement Services will now review Kiewit Western's bid. If they are approved, Kiewit Western would be issued a Notice to Proceed for construction immediately after the FAA issues the Record of Decision on the OMP.

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