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Absher Construction Company for the second time this summer has submitted the apparent low base bid for construction of the 63,000 square foot college activities building on the campus of The Evergreen State College at Olympia.

The Puyallup firm's apparent low estimate, one of four opened today by the Division of Engineering and Architecture, State Department of General Administration, totaled \$2,¹⁹⁸~~189~~,000, compared to the architect's estimate of \$2,186,000.

On July 10, Absher Company submitted a base bid of \$2,289,000, but later withdrew the estimate after discovering an error. The college's board of trustees then rejected all bids, ordered some redesign of the building and authorized a new call for bids, which were opened today.

The new bids did not include several alternate items, including two kinds of elevators, a basement storage room, security and fire alarm systems, and food service equipment.

All estimates will be studied by the college facilities planning staff, which may be ready to issue a contract award recommendation within a week.

Facilities in the building, which originally was scheduled for completion in August, 1971, include a cafeteria and other food-serving facilities, post office, barber shop, dry cleaning center, display area, recreation rooms and other services.

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