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BENTLEY BIDS LOW ON MEDICAL FACILITY

MISSOULA --

Bentley Construction Co. of Butte is the apparent low bidder for construction of the University of Montana Foundation medical research facility at the State Prison in Deer Lodge.

In bid openings Tuesday in Missoula, Bentley bid "151,369 followed by Johnston and Sharbono Construction, Inc., Helena, at \$154,078, according to Cal Murphy, UM Foundation treasurer.

Four other Helena, Butte and Missoula firms offered bids up to \$180,637, for the 55,000 square foot, single level, concrete block, slab on grade structure.

The facility will be used by University of Montana medical researchers and volunteer prisoners, who will be paid for their services. This aspect of the UM medical research program is being sponsored by a grant from Hoffman-La Roche, Inc., an international pharmaceutical firm.

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