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Construction Starting Soon At Aspen Drive Library *Board Approves Construction Contract*

Last night, the Cook Memorial Public Library District Board unanimously approved awarding the Aspen Drive Library construction contract to EVS Construction of Aurora.

“EVS was the lowest responsible bidder for the job,” said Aaron Lawlor, Board President.

Out of fifteen bid submissions, EVS was the lowest bidder at \$5,390,000. The construction contract will officially be awarded once the property title is transferred to the Library District, which is scheduled to occur on December 12. At the closing, the title to the Aspen Drive property will be transferred from the Village of Vernon Hills to the Library District. Construction will start as soon as possible after the award of the contract.

“We’re excited and ready to get started,” said John Campbell, EVS Project Manager. “Right now, we are checking the weather to see when we can get started.”

Since 1996, EVS has established a reputation of delivering high-quality projects on time and within budget. The company specializes in municipal buildings and recently completed the New Yorkville Middle School and the East Aurora High School Freshman Center.

In other action, the Library Board approved an ordinance to authorize the sale of an additional \$7 million in debt certificates. Proceeds from this sale will be used to fund the Cook Park expansion project.

“We are still on track to seek construction bids for the Cook Park project this winter and start construction in the spring of 2009,” said Library Director Dan Armstrong. “The coming year will certainly be one of great change and excitement!”

When completed, the Building a Better Future expansion plan will add 30,000 square feet of library space to the district without raising taxes. The plan includes remodeling and adding 11,200 square feet to the Cook Park Library in Libertyville and creating a full-service, permanent library on Aspen Drive in Vernon Hills. Both projects will be completed simultaneously, with a total budget of approximately \$14 million. Funding for the construction and operations costs are provided for in the district’s annual budgets and through the sale of debt certificates.

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