



April 9, 2026

Blair Executive Airport Authority
Attn: Phil Green, City Administrator/Airport Manager
Dr. Dave Johnson, Airport Authority Chairman
218 South 16th Street
Blair, NE 68110

RE: Blair Executive Airport
Blair, Nebraska
AIP Project No. 3-31-0109-025/026/027/028
Olsson No. 025-01994
Contract Award

Mr. Green and Dr. Dave Johnson,

On April 2, 2026, six bids were publicly opened and read aloud for the above-referenced project. The bidders and their bid amounts are summarized below and detailed in the attached bid tabulation:

Contractor	Schedules 1, 2, and 5 Total	Schedules 1, 2, 3, and 5 Total	Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Total
Paulsen, Inc	\$6,180,595.00	\$6,416,199.00	\$6,947,500.00
Hawkins Construction Co.	\$7,064,231.04*	\$7,267,857.02*	\$7,811,635.97*
Graham Construction Inc	\$7,145,637.75	\$7,421,085.65	\$8,063,517.60
Reede Construction Inc	\$7,332,054.65	\$7,567,470.40	\$8,315,307.40
Valley Corporation	\$7,902,488.68	\$8,244,605.71	\$8,798,678.59
TAB Construction	\$8,419,427.34*	\$8,706,822.27*	\$9,426,281.52*
Engineer's Estimate	\$7,458,000.00	\$7,714,200.00	\$8,311,100.00

*Denotes discrepancy in calculation.

Errors in calculation are noted on the bid tabulation. Olsson calculated the total bid amounts shown by multiplying the unit prices and estimated quantities, then totaling the results.

Paulsen, Inc of Cozad, Nebraska submitted the lowest responsive bid, which is approximately 16-17% less than the engineer's opinion of probable construction cost for each combination of schedules shown above.

Paulsen, Inc furnished a five percent (5%) bid bond in accordance with the contract documents. The firm met the bidder qualification conditions outlined in the Notice to Bidders and is qualified to perform the required work. The bidder has successfully completed numerous airport improvement projects within Nebraska.

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The following federal and contract compliance items, of Paulsen, Inc's proposal was reviewed and found acceptable:

- Acknowledgment of Addendum Nos. 1, 2 and 3.
- DBE Utilization Statement, indicating commitment to project DBE requirements of 0.0%
- Buy American Certification, indicating full compliance (no waiver requested or required)
- Verification that the bidder is not listed on the SAM.gov Excluded Parties List
- Submission of a tentative list of subcontractors

Based on a thorough evaluation of the bids, Olsson has determined Paulsen, Inc of Cozad, Nebraska to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The bid price is considered fair and reasonable for the work included.

Based on the identified Federal and State funding allocation for the project, Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 can be awarded.

Therefore, we recommend that the Blair Airport Authority evaluate the submitted bid and award Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to Paulsen, Inc of Cozad, NE, subject to concurrence from both the Federal Aviation Administration and Nebraska Department of Transportation.

The following items are enclosed:

1. Bid tabulation with engineer's opinion of probable cost
2. Low bidder's complete proposal form, which includes:
 - a. Buy American Certification Form
 - b. DBE Utilization Statement
3. Plan Holder's List

Please advise when the contract documents can be issued.

Sincerely,



Heather Olson, P.E.
Project Engineer

cc: Steve Whitton (FAA), Anna Lannin (NDOT)