

MONTANA MISSILE SYSTEM COMPLETION BIDS OPENED

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Bids to complete construction of the Safeguard Ballistic Missile System at Malmstrom in Montana were opened at a bid letting in Seattle.

The apparent low bidder for the job was a combine which offered a bid of \$178,980,000. It was offered by firms which included Peter Kiewit & Sons Co., and Associates, Omaha, NE., Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., Boise, ID, and Fischbach and Moore, Inc., Denver, CO.

The bid covers work to be performed on Increment II Perimeter Acquisition Radar (PAR) and Missile Site Radar (MSR) facilities at the Malmstrom site near Great Falls, MT.

Government estimate of the job was \$152,175,990.

The government offered three methods of bidding on the Malmstrom contract: A bid for the total job; a bid for the PAR job, and a bid for the MSR job.

The firms which submitted the apparent low, responsible bid are each involved in construction of the Grand Forks ABM site in northeast North Dakota.

The Malmstrom Safeguard complex has been under construction since May 1970. Advance work was completed in February for the MSR and PAR sites. The contract for which bids were opened at Seattle calls for construction to begin where the other left off and carry out the job to its completion.

Facilities for the Grand Forks complex are being constructed under a contract let in April 1970, to Morrison-Knudsen and associates. The contract amount was \$137,858,850. The contract completion date is late 1972 or early 1973.