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Agralite Electric Cooperative NEWSLETTER

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New Headquarters Update *by Jenny Stryhn, General Manager*

As the cooperative has been finalizing the design documents of a new headquarter facility with our architect earlier this summer, Agralite sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP), which is in the best interest of the cooperative, to maintain cost competitiveness.

This RFP was sent to multiple contractors for firm qualifications and proposed cost estimates based on the design development documentation. From there, Agralite received five qualified proposals that met our requirements and time frames.

After a review of those proposals, Agralite selected three of those top contractors for in-person interviews, which were held at Agralite's facility in June. The interview process included the leadership team from the Agralite Board of Directors, staff from the Agralite leadership team, and members from our architect firm. All contractors that submitted proposals also submitted cost estimates.

After completing the interview process and reviewing cost estimates and project timelines, the Board of Directors unanimously selected Gardner Builders to be our Construction Manager on the project. This project will be utilizing many local contractors in our West Central Minnesota footprint. The total cost of the new facility is \$16 million.

We plan to begin site preparation in the next few weeks. Our construction window is anticipated to last around 12 months. While it will be tight on our current footprint during construction, Agralite will continue operations and service to our membership as usual, with some minor adjustments made internally.

We will continue to provide you with relevant updates on this project in our monthly newsletter

and on our website where we will have a dedicated tab where you can review our past communications, frequently asked questions, and much more. 1697000

If you have any questions, please call our office during normal business hours. We appreciate your continued support and interest in your electric cooperative.



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