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Lewistown----The Bureau of Land Management's new Lewistown Field Office building will be located at 220 Cattail Drive, across the highway from Pamida on the east end of Lewistown. Doug Stephens of Lewistown was awarded the contract to build and then lease the facility to the BLM.

In addition to the new 20,000 square foot building, the site will include an 8,000 square foot warehouse and a 100,500 square foot wareyard.

Today's announcement from the BLM's Branch of Procurement in Denver, Colorado, concludes a solicitation and selection process that began last August and at one time involved 15 prospective site proposals around Lewistown.

"We're pleased the Branch of Procurement has announced its selection. This topic has generated a great deal of interest and speculation around Lewistown and now we're looking forward to having the contractor start on the new facility," offered Kym Sigler, BLM's chief of support services in Lewistown and the building project manager. Neither a start date nor a completion date for the construction of the building has yet been determined, "but we're hoping to move into the new facility around September 1, 2004," Sigler added.

The decision to construct a new building was prompted by the extensive maintenance and repair costs already incurred and still needed at the agency's present location.

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