

## **Spirit I Concrete Foundations are Proceeding as Contract Awards Are Made**

Scott & Murphy mobilized on site during mid December to perform the concrete foundation work. The first concrete pour was made on January 9th. It was for the footer to support the outside kitchen wall. Since then excavating for footers and pouring concrete has continued each week as weather allows. Excellent progress is being made with more than half the foundation work already completed. Soon interior underground plumbing and site utility work will begin to be followed by placing concrete floor slabs this Spring. Scott Murphy and Daniel have also mobilized on site as our Construction Manager in preparation to coordinate over seventeen Contractors.

Contractor bids for all the remaining work for Spirit I were received December 19th. Bid clarifications and evaluations by Scott Murphy and Daniel are now concluded with Contract awards being made during the last week of January. These lump sum bids in total came in below our Construction estimate and very close to our approved budget. Further cost saving opportunities will be pursued with the Contractors as material submittals and alternate work suggestions are explored. A cost report showing each of the Contractors awarded amounts verses our construction estimate and approved budget can be viewed on this webpage and on our Parish Hall Bulletin board. These costs will be forecasted each month to show trends toward the actual final cost of Spirit I.

In our continued efforts to have Spirit I become LEED certified, we submitted our completed construction design to the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for their first review. A positive response from them without necessitating further significant expense for compliance will then be our answer to proceed forward and gain certification. Should the USGBC response be one that would require a greater additional cost to the Project than we would need to resolve ourselves to being LEED "Like" but still Green. We are currently very confident that, this will not be the case as our recently completed Energy Simulation Report by BCDM determined that our design is significantly more efficient than originally anticipated. Also our Geo thermal test well which was conducted in December provided very good data in support of reducing our well field of 49 wells from a depth of 400 feet to a depth of 360 feet. The Geo Thermal Well Field installation bid package will be issued in early February and the work is scheduled to immediately begin in late February.

Smallhouse roadway improvements will be designed by Warren County during February. The County will advertise to have this work contracted and make an award during March to have this work completed by May. During this roadway construction we will complete our Spirit Boulevard entrance and remove our temporary construction entrance as it currently exists. In addition we will coordinate the installation of the force main sewer, water and gas utilities onto Parkside.