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The installation of our additional steam generator at one time included an alternate which would have provided an additional fuel storage tank. This alternate was dropped when additional heat generator contract was consummated because of insufficient funds. This left the University in a somewhat vulnerable position, particularly with the threat of fuel oil shortages which have been widely predicted for the forthcoming year.

Owing to the emergency nature of the problem, we succeeded in gaining the support of the Construction Fund to do the installation of an additional fuel storage tank, as a supplemental contract. Bids were opened today for this contract. Four bidders responded and the low bidder was Farrell Heating and Plumbing Company, at \$44,900. Although this sum was slightly more than the allocated amount, the Fund has indicated that the additional amount of money required would be made available because of the emergency nature of the project. Therefore, work should start soon with the Farrell Plumbing and Heating Company and is scheduled to be completed by the end of January.

If completed on time, the additional fuel storage tank will serve a very useful purpose for the last half of the winter, as it will extend our operating supplies by a two to four day period, depending upon climatic conditions at the time, and this amount of time could be very crucial for fuel oil deliveries become critical, as they did last winter. Thus, the installation of this tank becomes a very serious problem and will constitute a great asset once completed. The tank will hold 100,000 gallons.

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