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Dillon House Receives Top Bid of \$700,000

TOPEKA – The historic Hiram Price Dillon house at 404 S.W. 9th Street in Topeka received a top bid of \$700,000 in a public auction conducted Tuesday, June 25. The bid nearly doubles the amount of the high sealed bid of \$351,000 rejected earlier this year by Interim Secretary of Administration Mark J. McGovern.

“We look forward to working with the high bidder in an expeditious but thorough process that will result in a contract benefitting all parties,” said McGovern.

The Department of Administration will enter into discussions with the high bidder and expects to present a contract to the State Finance Council within 45 days. Negotiations will include financial terms and intended use of the property. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The State Finance Council must approve a contract for the sale to be finalized. The Council comprises Governor Sam Brownback and State legislative leaders.

The Department of Administration does not comment on ongoing negotiations. Local media outlets have reported that Pioneer Group President Ross Freeman had the winning bid.