



*"The Historic City of the Black Hills"*  
Deadwood, South Dakota 57732

## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** April 23, 2021  
**To:** Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission  
**From:** Mike Runge, City Archivist  
**Re:** **City Archaeology, US Monument Locate #01 archaeological field work**

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The City of Deadwood Archives is requesting permission to enter into a contract with archaeological firm Quality Services, Inc. of Rapid City, SD to excavate and profile the south face of the US Locate Monument #01 at the summit of McGovern Hill in Deadwood.

In August of 2020, the West River Chapter of the South Dakota Society of Professional Land Surveyors (SDSPLS) approached the Deadwood Historic Preservation Office about relocating and interpreting this monument (see attachment #01). The HP Commission allocated \$1,000 towards the interpretation of this project using a Pannier outdoor sign. Unfortunately due to the fall/winter, this project was temporarily placed on hold and was again revisited in the spring of 2021.

To date and as part of this project, the City Archives would like to hire a professional archaeological firm to record, excavate a portion of the locate monument and map the profile of the mound.

In June, the City Archives received two bids from the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center and Quality Services, Inc. QSI was the low bid at \$4,000.00. The proposed quote is attached to this memorandum and provides an outline of the work being performed.

## RECOMMENDATION

Allow the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission permission to record, excavate a portion of the locate monument mound and map the profile a portion of US Locate Monument #01 at the summit of McGovern Hill. The cost for this project will not exceed \$4,000.00 dollars and will come out the 2021 HP Archaeological line item.