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## Tompkins is Low Bidder On CIA Plant

WASHINGTON — Charles H. Tompkins Co., is the low bidder on the contract to erect the Central Intelligence Agency's huge headquarters at Langley.

The Tompkins bid of \$32,110,000 was lowest of 13 bids opened yesterday.

Francis Tompkins, senior vice president of the company, lives in McLean.

Mr. Tompkins said that he had been advised by officials of the CIA that his firm has a good chance to get the contract award.

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ENGINEERS of the CIA are now going over the various bids, including alternates, in which, the Tompkins Co. was also low.

CIA has an appropriation of \$58,000,000, and only about \$5,000,000 is understood to have been allocated so far in architectural plans and the construction of the foundations, now underway.

Next to the Tompkins low bid was that of John McShane, Inc., for \$32,976,000. The third low bidder was the McCloskey Co., of Philadelphia, at \$32,993,000. Fourth low bid was that of John Volpe and Walsh Construction Co. for \$33,253,000. The highest bid was Merritt Chapman & Scott for \$37,323,000.