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## VE Saves Council Bluffs School



*Board vice-president Troy Arthur was impressed with the assessment, saying "I'm really impressed that you guys dug through this and found that much to save"*

### New sports complex saved from financial disaster

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Middle East District's Center of A development for a new sports complex in the Council Bluffs Community Schools District, Iowa, has been saved from financial disaster through the use of value engineering.

Current sports facilities have been painting the schools district in a bad light in the eyes of visiting athletes and the local press. However, proposed plans for a new and improved athletic complex initially also faced problems, with the original bid creeping over its estimate by \$2.2 million.

Recent meetings expected bad news for the development, but thanks to value engineering studies on the site, the costs have been brought back in line with the original estimate. Among the savings, concrete thickness was reduced by an inch, sidewalk widths in certain sections were also reduced, and non-essential elements of dugouts in the baseball and softball fields were removed or downgraded.

Further to this, project manager Jared Olsen has stated that he is still working with the construction company to find further small savings without sacrificing any "wow" aspects of the project.

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