



Meeting Date: December 12, 2024 **Agenda Type:** Consent Items for Action

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Chief Operations Officer **Approved by:** Ryan Kelso
Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the CEO or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Contract with E-Z Bel Construction, LLC, for the Construction of the Landa Street and Elm Street Water Line Improvements Project

BACKGROUND

On August 13, 2024, New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) issued a request for bids for the Landa & Elm Street Water Line Improvements Project, which includes approximately 535 linear feet (LF) of new 12-inch water main installed by open cut to connect two existing water lines, including all appurtenances, starting at the entrance to Wurstfest on Landa Street and approximately 8 LF of new 4-inch water line to connect the existing 4-inch line to the existing 8-inch line on Elm Street (the “Project”). The Project will replace water lines identified as aging infrastructure in need of replacement by Water Operations.

On September 12, 2024, NBU received three (3) bids for the Project during the public bidding process. The project team evaluated the bids and recommends the selection of E-Z Bel Construction, LLC (“E-Z Bel”) for the Project. E-Z Bel was selected as the respondent who provides the best value to NBU based on the selection criteria, the weighted value for those criteria, and the ranking evaluation, including their cost of work, proposed schedule, past performance on similar projects, overall qualifications, available resources, corporate history, and references. E-Z Bel’s proposal includes a base bid of \$499,911.05, which was the lowest base bid out of the three (3) respondents.

NBU staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the Construction Contract Agreement (the “Contract”) with E-Z Bel for the Project.

This item is being presented to the Board because the total amount of this contract exceeds \$250,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total financial impact of the Contract with E-Z Bel for the Project is \$499,911.05. The Project is budgeted within the Fiscal Year 2025 NBU Board-approved Capital Improvements Projects Budget. Anticipating the need for project change orders, a contract contingency of \$25,000, which is approximately 5% of the total contract amount, will be added to the project construction budget. The total contract amount plus contingency is \$524,911.05.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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EXHIBITS

1. Construction Contract with E-Z Bel
2. Bid Tab – (RFB 25-004)

Bid Tab	
<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
E-Z Bel Construction, LLC	\$499,911
Rangeline Utility Services, LLC	\$648,373
Spiess Construction Co., Inc	\$793,575

3. Bid Evaluation Matrix – Competitive Sealed Proposal (RFB 25-004)

Bid Evaluation Matrix				
Item	Criteria	E-Z Bel Construction, LLC	Rangeline Utility Services, LLC	Spiess Construction Co., Inc
1.	Cost of the Work	5	3.86	3.15
2.	Proposed Schedule / Contract Time	3.67	0	0
3.	Qualifications and Past Performance on Similar Projects	3.33	0	0
4.	References	3	0	0
	Total Score	15	3.86	3.15