



Meeting Date: January 25, 2024 **Agenda Type:** Consent Item for Action

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Submitted by: Michael Short, P.E. **Approved by:** Ryan Kelso
Director of Water Services and Compliance Interim Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the Interim CEO or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Cooperative Contract with Lonestar Freightliner Group, LLC., for One (1) Western Star 47X GAPVAX Unit

BACKGROUND

To modernize the fleet’s electrical maintenance equipment, New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) identified the need to purchase one (1) Western Star 47X GAPVAX Unit. Due to an overabundance of fiber optic cable in the ground, this unit utilizes air and/or water to dig holes for electric poles while preventing disruption to the fiber optic cables.

As a result, NBU has selected to purchase the equipment from Lonestar Freightliner Group, LLC., through The Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), a department of Texas Education Service Center Region 8 (the “Contract”). NBU’s use of the TIPS contract satisfies the competitive bidding requirements under Texas law.

NBU staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the Contract with Lonestar Freightliner Group, LLC for the heavy-duty equipment.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total financial impact of the Contract for the equipment is \$634,249. The purchase of the equipment is budgeted in the fiscal year 2024 Capital Equipment Budget.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Infrastructure and Technology

EXHIBITS

1. TIPS Vendor Agreement with Lonestar Freightliner Group, LLC.
2. 221001 RFP Specifications Proposal
3. NBU Non-IT Cooperative Additional Terms and Conditions
4. TIPS Quote - NBU 47X GAPVAX UNIT 4