



Meeting Date: September 26, 2024 **Agenda Type:** Consent Items for Action

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Chief Operations Officer 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 Union Avenue Water Replacement Project

BACKGROUND

On June 26, 2024, New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”), along with the City of New Braunfels (“CONB”), issued a request for bids for the CONB City-Wide Streets Program S. Union Ave. Improvements Project, also known as the Union Avenue Water Replacement Project, which includes relocating approximately 1,700 linear feet (“LF”) of 8-inch water main along Union Avenue between the intersections of San Antonio Street and Lincoln Street (the “Project”). The Project will relocate an existing water main that is in conflict with the CONB’s project.

On July 30, 2023, NBU and CONB received two (2) 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 and CONB 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 \$2,448,936.67, of which \$848,560.67 is NBU’s portion.

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 \$250,000.00.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total financial impact of the Contract with E-Z Bel for the Project is \$848,560.67. 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 for \$90,000 which is roughly 10% of the total contract amount, will be added to the project construction budget. The total contract amount plus contingency is \$938,560.67.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Infrastructure and Technology

EXHIBITS

1. Construction Contract with E-Z Bel
2. Bid Tab – (CSP 24-032)

Bid Tab			
<i>Bidder</i>	<i>NBU Cost</i>	<i>CONB Cost</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
E-Z Bel Construction	\$848,560.67	\$1,600,376.00	\$2,448,936.67
R.L. Jones LP	\$1,268,860.00	\$1,880,548.80	\$3,149,408.80

3. Bid Evaluation Matrix – Competitive Sealed Proposal (24-032)

Criteria	E-Z Bel Construction	R.L. Jones LP
Cost of Proposal	65	51
Experience and Qualifications	18	18
Plan & Schedule	14	13
Interview	0	7
Total Score	97.00	88.52