



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 2/22/2022

REQUESTER: Rachel Croft

PRESENTER: Rachel Croft, Staff Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2122-45, CONTRACT K-2122-48 BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND CIMARRON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, L.L.C. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,039,328; PERFORMANCE BOND B-2122-36; STATUTORY BOND B-2122-37, MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2122-28 FOR THE PORTER AVENUE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PHASE II; AUTHORIZING THE UTILITIES DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE MATERIALS ON BEHALF OF THE CONTRACTOR; AND BUDGET TRANSFER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department is moving forward with the Porter Avenue Streetscape project which will improve this corridor including new paving and sidewalks. Phase I of this project (Porter Avenue between Gray Street and Rich Street) has recently been completed. Garver Engineering (formerly Cabiness Engineering) is the engineer for the entire streetscape project and waterline replacements (Contract K-1213-165).

Water lines located within this corridor are over 50 years old and have experienced failures that disrupt water service and also traffic flows for this important street corridor. Replacement of these water lines prior to the surface improvements would ensure good infrastructure and reduce the likelihood that the surface improvements have to be removed and replaced for future water line replacement work.

Phase II of this project will replace approximately 4,893 linear feet of 6, 8, and 12-inch waterlines from Alameda Street to Robinson Street, not including the lines previously replaced from Gray Street to Rich Street.

DISCUSSION:

The Invitation to Bid (Bid 2122-45) for the Phase II Porter Avenue Waterline Replacement (Project WA0345) was published in the *Norman Transcript* on December 23, 2021 and December 30, 2021. It contained a Base Bid for the installation of side street connections and boring crossings on the portion of the project north of Gray Street. An Alternate A and Alternate

B for the lines along Porter Ave was also included. It allowed for either (Alternate A) using open cut, or boring with casing; or (Alternate B) using horizontal directional drilling for the Porter crossings south of Gray Street.

Seven (7) contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting held on January 4, 2022. Bids were opened on February 3, 2022, and four (4) contractors submitted bids. The bids ranged from \$1,042,982 to \$1,797,901 for the Base Bid, \$1,190,013 to \$2,355,427 for Alternate A, and \$996,346 to \$1,670,340 for Alternate B. Cimarron Construction Company, LLC was the low bid for the Base Bid and Alternate B, for a Total Bid of \$2,039,328. The bid results are shown in the attached bid summary. Both staff and Garver Engineering (letter attached) recommend award for both the Base Bid and the Alternate B Bid to Cimarron Construction Company, LLC.

The Waterline Replacement, Construction account (Account 31996683-46101; Project WA0354) has an available balance of \$1,236,998.84. Staff proposes budget transfers from the Flood Avenue Waterline Replacement project which is underway and appears to be well under budget. The recommended transfers are \$830,000 from the Flood Avenue Waterline, Construction account (31993360-46101; Project WA0328) and \$80,000 from the Flood Avenue Waterline, Design account (31993360-46201; Project WA0328) to the Porter Avenue Waterline, Construction account (31996683-46101; Project WA0354), for a total of \$2,146,998.84. This should be sufficient to fully fund the project.

Work on this project will commence after Norman Utility Authority (NUA) approval of the contract and will end on July 15, 2022 before streetscape work begins.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the NUA Trustees accept bids meeting project specifications; award Bid 2122-45 to Cimarron Construction Company, LLC for the Porter Avenue Waterline Replacement Phase II Project in the amount of \$2,039,328; approve Contract K-2122-48 and associated performance, statutory, and maintenance bonds in the amount of the bid; authorize execution of the contract and bonds; and authorize the NUA staff to purchase equipment and supplies on behalf of the contractor for incorporations into the project to avoid the payment of sales tax on materials purchases; and authorize budget transfers of \$830,000 from the Flood Avenue Waterline Project, Construction and \$80,000 from the Flood Avenue Waterline Project, Design accounts into the Porter Avenue Waterline, Construction account.