



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/24/2024

REQUESTER: Ken Giannone, Capital Projects Engineer

PRESENTER: Ken Giannone, Capital Projects Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2324-146: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND G&L TANK SANDBLASTING AND COATINGS, L.L.C., FOR THE ROBINSON TOWER RESURFACING PROJECT AND LINDSEY TOWER RESURFACING OR DEMOLITION PROJECT AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

In 2023, the coatings on Norman Utilities Authority's (NUA's) Robinson Water Tower began showing signs of failure. Consequently, NUA issued a purchase order to Dunham Engineering to perform a preliminary inspection of the tower. Dunham Engineering's report confirmed that the coatings on the Robinson Tower were approaching the end of their useful life. Therefore, they recommended that a project to resurface the tower be scheduled in the near future. As a result, an engineering contract was executed with Dunham Engineering to prepare bidding documents, and NUA budgeted funds in fiscal year 2024-2025 (FYE 2025) for the Robinson Tower Resurfacing (Project WA0382).

The Robinson Tower Resurfacing Project (packaged for convenience with the Resurfacing or Demolition of Lindsey Tower Project) was advertised on March 21, 2024, and bids were opened on April 18, 2024. G&L Tank Sandblasting & Painting (G&L) of Shelbyville, Tennessee was deemed the lowest and best bidder, and a contract in the amount of \$816,200 (\$504,200 for Robinson Tower and \$312,000 for Lindsey Tower) was awarded to G&L on May 28, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

Prior to bidding this project, NUA met with representatives from the University of Oklahoma (OU) to discuss the possibility of them paying to have "OU" and Southeast Conference ("SEC") logos painted on some NUA water towers. Based on this meeting, NUA included a line item in the bid for Robinson Tower Resurfacing for the installation of OU/SEC logos, with the understanding that OU would reimburse NUA for the cost of this line item. However, after the contract was awarded, OU determined that they did not currently have the funds available to pay for these logos. As a result, NUA proposed to delete this line item from G&L's Contract for a credit of \$12,000.

In addition, NUA is currently in the design and procurement phase of an unrelated project for Meter Infrastructure Program (MIP). As a part of this project, antennas will be mounted at water towers throughout the City of Norman in order to facilitate communications between the new automated meters and NUA's Customer Service Department, including one on Robinson Tower. Since the brackets on which the antennas will be mounted must be welded to the tower and since the welding process will damage any coatings in the vicinity of the weld, NUA proposes to have G&L install the mounting bracket at Robinson Tower prior to their resurfacing work so the upcoming installation of the new AMR antenna will not damage the new coatings. A total cost of \$8,000 has been negotiated with G&L for this additional work.

Total net cost of this proposed Change Order is a reduction of \$4,000 ($-\$12,000 + \$8,000 = -\$4,000$) or -0.49% of contract total. This will decrease the contract price to \$812,200 ($\$816,200 - \$4,000 = \$812,200$). There will be no change in the Contract Time, which will remain 120 Calendar Days.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Change Order 1 to Contract K-2324-146, Robinson Tower Resurfacing (Project WA0382) and Lindsey Tower Resurfacing or Demolition (Project WA0182), reducing the contract by \$4,000, be approved.