



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/09/2025

REQUESTER: Peter Wolbach

PRESENTER: Peter Wolbach, Staff Engineer - Utilities

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-13 AND CONTRACT K-2526-61; BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND MIDWEST INFRASTRUCTURE COATINGS, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,500, FOR PROJECT WESTWOOD MANHOLE REHABILITATION; PERFORMANCE BOND B-2526-25; STATUTORY BOND B-2526-26; MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2526-20, AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO VENDORS. (Ward 2)

BACKGROUND:

The manholes located along Merkle Creek, just south of Westwood Golf Course, have exhibited significant signs of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) corrosion. Hydrogen sulfide gas forms under anaerobic conditions in wastewater and, when converted to sulfuric acid, deteriorates concrete structures. If left untreated, this corrosion weakens the structural integrity of the manholes and increases the risk of infiltration, exfiltration, and potential system failure.

To prevent further deterioration, the City proposes to rehabilitate approximately 20 manholes totaling about 205 vertical feet by applying an anti-corrosion lining system to the interior surfaces. The protective coating will mitigate future H₂S-related damage and extend the overall service life of the manholes and associated sewer infrastructure.

DISCUSSION:

The Invitation to Bid (Bid 2526-18) for the Westwood Manhole Rehabilitation (Project WW0316) was published in the Norman Transcript on August 28 and September 4, 2025. The advertisement contained a Base Bid for the professional application of approximately 205 vertical feet of an anti-corrosion lining system for manholes. No alternate bids were included in this project.

Four contractors submitted bids. The bids ranged from \$97,500 to \$317,000. Midwest Infrastructure Coatings, L.L.C., was the low bidder with a Total Bid of \$97,500, with Luckinbill Construction, L.L.C., submitting the highest bid of \$317,000. Staff recommend award of the bid to Midwest Infrastructure Coatings.

Funding for this project will be provided from Sewer Maintenance Project FYE 18, Construction (Account 32193338-46101; Project WW0316), which has an available balance of \$2,647,891.53.

The City of Norman is exempt from the payment of any sales or use taxes. Pursuant to Title 68 O.S., Section 1356 (10) and as allowed by Oklahoma Tax Commission Rules Part 27 Trust Authority 710:65-13-140, direct vendors to the Norman Utilities Authority (NUA) are also exempt from those taxes. A contractor and his subcontractors may exclude from their cost, sales taxes on appropriate equipment, materials, and supplies that need not be paid while acting on behalf of the NUA. To minimize project costs through evading the payment of sales tax on materials purchases related to the project, the NUA will make payment directly to vendors supplying equipment and materials for incorporation into the project.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Staff recommends the NUA accept bids meeting project specifications and award Bid 2526-13 to Midwest Infrastructure Coatings, L.L.C., for Project Westwood Manhole Rehabilitation in the amount of \$97,500.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Staff recommends the NUA authorize to pay vendors for equipment and supplies for Project Westwood Manhole Rehabilitation.