

**Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District
Board of Directors Meeting**

September 10, 2018

Approval and Award for the Exterior Site Painting of Five District Facilities

Synopsis

The Board is being requested to approve the exterior site painting at five District facilities: South Shannon, Moore, Alcott, Magee La Cholla, and Hardy, and award the work to Wiese Painting Contractors. The site painting includes the exterior surfaces of storage tanks, hydro-pneumatic tanks, piping, valves, electrical panels, fences, and other site appurtenances.

Background

The District's well sites and facilities are primarily outdoor facilities. The infrastructure on these facilities such as tanks, piping, boosters, and panels are subjected to the elements. Most of these components are steel construction with a paint coating to protect the steel from corrosion. Over time the paint coating systems breakdown which can allow rust or corrosion to form. Paints can also fade, crack, peel, and oxidize and periodic recoating of these infrastructure assets increases the life of the assets as well as provides for better public perception.

The infrastructure at South Shannon, Moore, Alcott, Magee La Cholla, and Hardy are showing wear and staff is recommending that the facilities be painted to preserve the infrastructure assets.

Issues

Staff requested proposals from contractors on the City of Tucson cooperative purchasing contract: Painting and Other Related Services #161409. There are two painting contractors on the City of Tucson contract: AO Painting and Wiese Painting Contractors. Both contractors were shown facilities and provided a request for quotes. The basic work includes high pressure washing of the equipment to be painted, hand or power sanding rust spots, and applying the new paint coating. With the exception of the Moore site (tank is too short), the storage tanks will also have the District's logo painted. Each facility is unique in its layout, size, and quantity of assets to be painted so the pricing varies between them. The bid tally shows the cost of each site and the alternatives for the Shannon block wall. Wiese provided the lowest quote for all sites and the

alternatives with a total cost for all sites including labor, material, logo, bonds, alternative 1, and taxes at \$70,497.64. AO Paintings cost for the same work totaled \$218,076.00. AO Painting also offered a 10% discount if all the work was awarded to them. The ten percent would revise the quote for a new total of \$196,268.40. The District has worked with both contractors in the past with good results. Previous bids for exterior and interior painting has had similar differences. Typically AO Painting is lower on the interior work and Wiese is lower on exterior work. Wiese's quote is similar with other work performed for the District and is within the amount budgeted for this effort in Fiscal Year 2019.

The bulk of the costs of the painting is the storage tanks at the facilities. The funding for this work was included in the District's Fiscal Year 2019 budget for Storage Tank Rehabilitation at \$90,000.

Staff Recommendation

Staff is recommending that the Board approve the exterior site painting of the five District facilities and to award the work to Wiese Painting in the amount of \$70,497.64. It is also recommended to authorize the General Manager to approve an additional amount not to exceed \$3,500 for any unforeseen issues related to the work.

Suggested Motion

I move to approve the exterior site painting of the five District facilities and to award the work to Wiese Painting in the amount of \$70,497.64. I also move to authorize the General Manager to approve an additional amount not to exceed \$3,500 for any unforeseen issues related to the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven D. Shepard
Utility Superintendent

I concur with the above-noted recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Olsen, P.E.
General Manager