



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Council Session

## Item G-22

**#2021-279 - Approving Purchase of Office Furniture for Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory, Operations Control Center, and Administrative Building Renovation; Project No. 2017-WWTP-2**

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Jeremy Rogers, Interim Assistant Public Works Director-  
Wastewater

**Meeting:** October 12, 2021

**Subject:** Approving Purchase of Office Furniture for Wastewater  
Treatment Plant Laboratory, Operations Control Center,  
and Administrative Building Renovation; Project No.  
2017-WWTP-2

**Presenter(s):** John Collins PE, Public Works Director

## **Background**

On April 14, 2020, via Resolution No. 2020-95, City Council approved the bid award to Sampson Construction Co., Inc. of Kearney, Nebraska in the amount of \$3,454,000.00 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory, Operations Control Center, and Administrative Building Renovation; Project No. 2017-WWTP-2. As a result of this renovation additional office furniture is necessary.

The COVID response caused pricing volatility that negatively impacted this purchase. Construction is still underway so not all of the offices are complete, and the building was designed for anticipated staffing levels over the next 50 years so not all space is immediately needed. Additionally there are several vacancies that are difficult to fill. In an attempt to minimize cost and anticipating price stabilization, this purchase only includes furnishings that are needed for staff immediately occupying the building. For transparency information in this purchase will be included with future procurement so the total cost will be clear.

## **Discussion**

The City of Grand Island City Council approved the use of the National Joint Powers Alliance Buying Group (NJPA), now known as Sourcewell, with Resolution No. 2014-326.

To meet competitive bidding requirements, the Wastewater Division obtained contract pricing from the (NJPA) Sourcewell Contract No. 121919-OFS (RFP #121919) awarded to OFS Brands, Inc. of Huntingburg, Indiana; with Eakes Office Solutions of Grand Island, Nebraska assigned as our authorized dealer. Such office furniture meets all of the requirements of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory, Operations Control Center,

and Administrative Building Renovation; Project No. 2017-WWTP-2 for a total price of \$87,326.88. There are sufficient funds for this purchase in Account No. 53030054-85213-53553.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the purchase of office furniture for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory, Operations Control Center, and Administrative Building Renovation; Project No. 2017-WWTP-2 from Eakes Office Solutions of Grand Island, Nebraska in the total amount of \$87,326.88.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2021-279

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Division of the Public Works Department of the City of Grand Island budgeted for office furniture for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory, Operations Control Center, and Administrative Building Renovation; Project No. 2017-WWTP-2 in the 2020/2021 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, said equipment can be obtained from the (NJPA) Sourcewell Contract No. 121919-OFS (RFP #121919) awarded to OFS Brands, Inc. of Huntingburg, Indiana; with Eakes Office Solutions of Grand Island, Nebraska assigned as our authorized dealer; and

WHEREAS, purchasing the office furniture from Sourcewell Contract No. 121919-OFS meets all statutory bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the funding for such office furniture is provided in the 2020/2021 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the purchase of office furniture for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory, Operations Control Center, and Administrative Building Renovation; Project No. 2017-WWTP-2 from Eakes Office Solutions of Grand Island, Nebraska in the amount of \$87,326.88 is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 12, 2021.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 21, 2021	☐ City Attorney