

# City of Laredo

## City Council

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**Meeting Date:** 12/01/2025

**Consent Agenda**

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### **SUBJECT**

Authorizing the City Manager for the selection of the three (3) most qualified engineering firms in response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional engineering services for the design of a new Elevated Storage Tank (EST), and authorizing staff to begin negotiations with the highest-ranked firms in accordance with Texas Government Code §2254.004.

### **VIVA LAREDO PLAN ALIGNMENT**

**Alignment Rating:** Moderate

**Supporting goal(s)/policy(ies):**

Policy 6.5.7 Continue to implement the existing water conservation program

Policy 7.2.4 Increase access to safe water

**Summary of alignment:**

This agenda item update aligns with Viva Laredo's Comprehensive Plan goals and policies addressing water quality by replacing aged water lines.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Laredo Utilities Department issued a Request for Qualifications for professional engineering services to design a new Elevated Storage Tank (EST) to increase system pressure, enhance water reliability, and ensure compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) storage requirements.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was publicly advertised on September 17, 2025 in accordance with State and local procurement requirements. A total of 6 firms submitted Statements of Qualifications prior to the deadline on October 23, 2025.

A selection committee consisting of staff from the Utilities Department Division evaluated each submittal based on the following criteria:

- Experience with Elevated Storage Tank Design.
- Qualifications of Key Personnel.
- Project Approach and Understanding.
- Experience with Similar Municipal Utility Projects.
- Reference and Past Performance
- Proximity and Availability of Firm

	WTC	Urban DDC	Freese Nichols	Garver	Tank Industry	Ardurra
Overall Evaluation	65	70	<b>90</b>	77	<b>95</b>	<b>90</b>

Following the evaluation process, the selection committee ranked the following firms as the Top Three (3) Most Qualified Engineering Firms for the Elevated Storage Tank design project:

1. **Tank Industry**
2. **Ardurra**
3. **Freese Nichols**

In compliance with Texas Government Code §2254.004 (Professional Services Procurement Act), negotiations will begin with the highest-ranked firm to establish a fair and reasonable contract. If negotiations are unsuccessful, staff will formally end negotiations and proceed to the next most qualified firm.

A contract for engineering design services will be brought back to City Council for approval once negotiations are complete.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of Motion

**Fiscal Impact**

Fiscal Year: 2026  
Budgeted Y/N?: Yes  
Source of Funds: 2022 Water Revenue Bond  
Account #: 557-9879-535-9301  
Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N: No

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact associated with this action. Funding for engineering design services will be included in a future agenda item once a contract amount is negotiated and finalized. Once a contract amount is negotiated we will use 2022 Water Revenue Bond, Account #557-9879-535-9301, project ID:WP2118.

	Freese & Nichols	Tank Industry Consultants	Garver
Evaluator#1	95.00	95.00	85.00
Evaluator#2	90.00	95.00	75.00
Evaluator#3	90.00	95.00	85.00
Average & Final Scores	<b>91.67</b>	<b>95.00</b>	<b>81.67</b>

	Ardurra Group	Urban DCCM	WTC Inc.
Evaluator#1	90.00	65.00	65.00
Evaluator#2	85.00	60.00	65.00
Evaluator#3	95.00	80.00	60.00
Average & Final Scores	<b>90.00</b>	<b>68.33</b>	<b>63.33</b>



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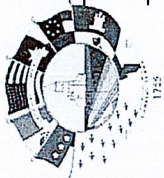
Evaluation Criteria	Firms Listed in Alphabetical Order									
	MAXIMUM RATING *	TIC	F&N	ARD	GARVER	URB	WTC			
Experience with Elevated Storage Tank Design	30	30	25	25	25	25	20			
Qualification of Key Personnel	20	20	20	15	15	15	15			
Project Approach and Understanding	20	20	20	20	15	15	15			
Experience with Similar Municipal Utility Projects	10	10	10	10	10	5	5			
References and Past Performance	10	10	10	10	10	5	5			
Proximity and Availability of Firm	10	5	5	10	5	5	5			
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>			

Member Recommendation:

Seek council approval to negotiate with the first bidder and then the two second bidders.

Comments:

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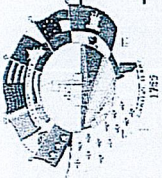
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		Vendor 1 FEN	Vendor 2 TIC	Vendor 3 GARI	Vendor 4 ARD	Vendor 5 URBAN	
Experience with Elevated Storage Tank Design	30	30	30	25	25	20	20
Qualification of Key Personnel	20	20	20	15	15	15	15
Project Approach and Understanding	20	20	20	15	20	15	15
Experience with Similar Municipal Utility Projects	10	10	10	10	10	5	5
References and Past Performance	10	10	10	10	10	5	5
Proximity and Availability of Firm	10	5	5	5	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	100	95	95	85	90	65	65

Member Recommendation:

Comments:

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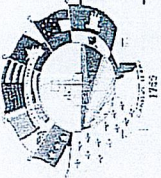
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Evaluation Criteria	Firms Listed in Alphabetical Order					wTc
	MAXIMUM RATING *	F + N Vendor 1	Tank Industry Vendor 2	Service Vendor 3	Anderson Vendor 4	
Experience with Elevated Storage Tank Design	30	25	30	20	25	20
Qualification of Key Personnel	20	20	20	15	15	15
Project Approach and Understanding	20	20	20	15	15	15
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<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	100	90	95	75	85	65

Member Recommendation:

Comments:

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	MAXIMUM RATING *	FIN Vendor 1	TIC Vendor 2	Garver Vendor 3	Arduro Vendor 4	
Experience with Elevated Storage Tank Design	30	25	30	25	30	15
Qualification of Key Personnel	20	20	20	15	15	15
Project Approach and Understanding	20	20	20	15	20	15
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Member Recommendation:

Comments: