



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. X. G  
5/6/2025

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Concurrence with the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust in adopting a Resolution ratifying the actions of the General Manager in waiving formal competitive bidding, approving the informal bidding documents, soliciting informal competitive bids, and awarding emergency contracts to Cimarron Construction Company, LLC (OCWUT00129) and Southwest Water Works, LLC (OCWUT00130), for the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust Line Maintenance water main service; ratifying issuance of emergency purchase orders; and approving the emergency contracts and bonds.

### **Background:**

The Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust (OCWUT), through the Oklahoma City Utilities Department Line Maintenance Division, provides the necessary repairs for the continuous and efficient operation of the Oklahoma City water system. The City of Oklahoma City (Oklahoma City) owns and operates, and OCWUT leases and finances the Oklahoma City water system.

On April 8, 2025, the General Manager of OCWUT declared an emergency, waiving competitive bidding, and soliciting informal competitive bids to issue emergency contracts with the lowest responsible bidder, not to exceed \$2,000,000 per contract, to perform emergency waterline and water service repairs to address the ongoing discovery of an extraordinarily high number of leaks and breaks from extreme winter weather. Currently, there are approximately 300 waterline leaks and breaks in the Oklahoma City water system which require immediate repair to stop or reduce water loss and damage to City and/or private property. It is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare that timely repairs be performed to restore the operational capacity in the Oklahoma City water system, conserve water, minimize the likelihood of damage to property, and minimize the likelihood of water leaks causing flooded streets and water loss. The volume of repairs exceeds the Line Maintenance Division's capacity to address them in a timely manner. To ensure prompt repair of both existing and newly discovered leaks and breaks, additional labor and services from multiple contractors will be needed to supplement the Division's efforts.

The General Manager declared an emergency to exist. Informal competitive bids were solicited for the provision of unit price bids for labor and services to address 200 work orders for waterline leaks. Unit price bids for labor and services were received from two qualified bidders and emergency contracts were awarded by the General Manager to Cimarron Construction Company, LLC (OCWUT00129) and Southwest Water Works, LLC (OCWUT00130). Each have signed emergency contracts and bonds in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. This amount is estimated to be sufficient for performing 200 work orders addressing the emergency, pending the formal competitive bidding of an annual on-call contract for future waterline and water service repairs, as needed.

Staff has begun drafting specifications for the solicitation of annual on-call waterline repair contracts, which will be formally competitively bid and awarded.

**Emergency Contracts:**

OCWUT00129

Cimarron Construction Company, LLC

OCWUT00130

Southwest Water Works, LLC

**Estimated Annual Cost:**

\$4,000,000

**Source of Funds:**

OCWUT-Water Trust Operating Fund Account-Water Line Maintenance-Line Maintenance  
General-Outsourced Repairs (6010-3990402-W6102-52340001)

**Review:**

Utilities Department

**Recommendation:** Concur with the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust in adopting the Resolution.