



# Town of Knightdale

## *Staff Report*

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Title: Build Contract Award for Knightdale Centennial Clock Tower

Staff: Phillip Bunton, Public Works Director

Date: 04/15/2026

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- The Town of Knightdale issued a Request for Qualifications in September of 2025. Multiple firms responded. After an evaluation of the proposals and interviews with the firms, Muter Construction Inc. was selected as the preferred company to design and build the Centennial Clock Tower Project. This contract represents the Build component of the project in the amount of \$519,828.00. The Town has already executed the “Design” Contract in the amount of \$50,000.00 with the firm. The total amount of both contracts is \$569,828.00.

### **SUMMARY**

- According to NCGS 143-64.31, Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Surveying Services.
  - (a) It is the public policy of this State and all public subdivisions and Local Governmental Units thereof, except in cases of special emergency involving the health and safety of the people or their property, to announce all requirements for architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management at risk services, design-build services, and public-private partnership construction services to select firms qualified to provide such services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification for the type of professional services required without regard to fee other than unit price information at this stage, and thereafter to negotiate a contract for those services at a fair and reasonable fee with the best qualified firm. If a contract cannot be negotiated with the best qualified firm, negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and initiated with the next best qualified firm. Selection of a firm under this Article shall include the use of good faith efforts by the public entity to notify minority firms of the opportunity to submit qualifications for consideration by the public entity.
  - (a1) A resident firm providing architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management at risk services, design-build services, or public-private partnership construction services shall be granted a preference over a nonresident firm, in the same manner, on the same basis, and to the extent that a preference is granted in awarding contracts for these services by the other state to its resident firms over firms resident in the State of North Carolina. For purposes of this section, a resident firm is a firm that has paid unemployment taxes or income taxes in North Carolina and whose principal place of business is located in this State.
- The Town of Knightdale has met the requirements for the general statute. Additionally, the contract has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and found to be acceptable.



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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- Award the “Build” component of the Design Build Contract for the Knightdale Centennial Clock Tower to Muter Construction, and authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract in the amount of \$519,828.00.