

AGENDA ITEM 8.J.

RE: Approval of Change Order for the Veterans Center Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Laredo College Board of Trustees approve a change order with Leyendecker Construction of Texas, Inc. for the Veterans Center Improvements and Renovations Project, increasing the contract amount from \$1,997,000 to \$2,298,000, for a total change order of \$301,000, with the additional cost funded from the College's Deferred Maintenance Funds.

BACKGROUND: In December 2024, Leyendecker Construction of Texas, Inc. submitted a proposal in the amount of \$1,997,000 for the Veterans Center Improvements and Renovations Project. As the project progressed through the design and construction-document phase, modifications and additions to the project scope, together with updated construction pricing, resulted in the need to revise the original contract amount. According to the contractor's September 8, 2026 change order letter, the revised proposal is based on the conformed construction documents prepared by Cavazos Architects.

The revised scope and pricing include adjustments associated with site work, demolition, utilities, masonry signage, roofing, glass and glazing, wood slat ceilings, signage, HVAC, and electrical work. The contractor's revised proposal totals \$2,298,000, representing an increase of \$301,000 over the original \$1,997,000 proposal. The contractor indicates that the revised amount reflects an approximate 9% increase from the 2024 proposal, together with a \$121,380 increase in the roofing scope. The revised amount also includes allowances of \$100,000 for contingency, \$50,000 for landscape and irrigation, and \$10,000 for military seals, as detailed on page 1 of the contractor's letter.

The additional \$301,000 required for the change order will be funded from the College's Deferred Maintenance Funds. The additional investment will allow the College to complete the Veterans Center improvements in accordance with the updated construction documents and address facility components necessary for the long-term functionality and preservation of the building.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: Change order \$301,000.00 funded by the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

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