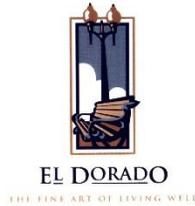


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## PRESS RELEASE

### **City of El Dorado to Raze Wind Turbine, Sell Component Parts**

**September 27, 2019** – The City of El Dorado has authorized the demolition of the wind turbine presently located at the Water Reclamation Facility. The City solicited bids for demolition services and marketed various components of the wind turbine for sale to interested parties.

As a result of these actions, U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will purchase the wind turbine blades for \$30,000, and Ethos Distributed Solutions, Inc. will purchase various surplus parts from the wind turbine for \$17,200. The City contracted with All Metal Recycling, LLC for the demolition of the wind turbine tower. The company will pay the City \$24,711 for the right to dismantle the structure to recycle the material.

The demolition project is expected to begin in early October and will be completed, pending cooperative weather, in early to mid-October.

The City Commission elected to authorize the removal of the wind turbine due to the facility not functioning in a manner suitable to generate electricity to offset the Water Reclamation Facility's electric needs as originally intended. The \$2.1 million project was originally funded from several U.S. Department of Energy grants and a revolving loan from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

The City determined that continued investment in the wind turbine, to return it to working condition, would be cost-prohibitive and not in the best interests of the community. After demolition is completed, the City will continue to make an annual payment to repay the remaining balance of \$917,835.34 on the outstanding KDHE revolving loan.