

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve an increase to an existing Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with **Springfield Utility Board (SUB)** for the **Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) Agreement for Dark Fiber Service**.

Board Meeting Date: May 7, 2013
Project Name/Contract#: IRU for Dark Fiber Service / IGA 11416
Project Contact: Dean Ahlsten Ext. 7136
Secondary Contact: Roger Gray Ext. 7130
Purchasing Contact: Tracy Davis Ext. 7468

Action Requested:

Contract Award
 Contract Renewal
 Contract Increase
 Other

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$ 37,407 over 5 years
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$ 28,593
Invoices over last approval: \$ _____
Percentage over last approval: N/A %
Amount this Request: \$ 34,000
Resulting Cumulative Total: \$ 100,000 (through 12/31/2013)

Funding Source:

Budget
 Reserves
 New Revenue
 Bonding
 Other

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Direct Negotiation
If applicable, basis for exemption: EWEB Rule 6-0190, ORS 190.010
Intergovernmental Agreements
Term of Agreement: May 7, 2013 to December 31, 2013
Option to Renew? Yes
Approval for purchases "as needed" for the life of the contract No

Form of Contract:

Single Purchase
 Services
 Personal Services
 Construction
 IGA
 Price Agreement
 Other

NARRATIVE:

The Board is being asked to approve an increase to an existing Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with **Springfield Utility Board (SUB)** for the **Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) Agreement for Dark Fiber Service**.

Springfield Utility Board owns, maintains, and operates fiber optic cabling in the Springfield area. Since 2006, SUB has leased one pair of "dark" fiber to EWEB for a connection between Headquarters, Hayden Bridge Filtration Plant, Hayden Bridge Switching Station (HBSS), Thurston Substation, and the Leaburg and Walterville Power Plants. The fiber provides reliable and affordable broadband voice and data communications capability to key Electric and Water facilities.

EWEB is adding an additional four pair of dark fiber under the IRU in order to provision path-diverse fiber connectivity for the new wide-area Ethernet network ('MetroE Project'), offering redundant communications to EWEB substations in Springfield and upriver. The new communication links are necessary in order to meet NERC requirements for a backup Dispatch Center. These additional funds will cover the increase in lease fees and provide for continuation of service at a fraction of the cost compared to commercial providers. The costs for this service are shared between Electric and Water Utility budgets.

When EWEB completes the construction of a new backbone fiber optic cable between its Currin Substation and the HBSS, there will be an adjustment to SUB fiber usage under the IRU as well as an anticipated lease of EWEB fiber for use by SUB. At that time, staff will update the IRU and submit an adjusted 5-year funding request for Board approval.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests Board approve an increase to the IGA with **Springfield Utility Board (SUB)** for the **Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) Agreement for Dark Fiber Service**. Funds for these services are budgeted for 2013 and will be budgeted annually.

SIGNATURES:

Project Coordinator: _____

LT Manager: _____

Purchasing Manager: _____

General Manager: _____

Board Approval Date: _____

Secretary/Assistant Secretary verification: _____