

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: April 1, 2014
Project Name/Contract#: IRU for Dark Fiber Service / IGA 11416
Project Contact: Dean Ahlsten Ext. 7136
Secondary Contact: Mel Damewood Ext. 7145
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: \$ 62,593
Invoices over last approval: \$ _____
Percentage over last approval: N/A %
Amount this Request: \$ 165,000
Resulting Cumulative Total: \$ 265,000 (through 3/31/2017)

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: April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017
(extend IRU for additional 3 years)
Option to Renew? Yes

Form of Contract:

Single Purchase
 Services
 Personal Services
 Construction
 IGA
 Price Agreement
 Other

Approval for purchases "as needed" for the life of the contract No

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 infrastructure in the Springfield area. Since 2006, SUB has leased one pair of "dark" fiber to EWEB to complete connections between EWEB Headquarters, the Hayden Bridge Filtration Plant, Hayden Bridge Switching Station (HBSS), Thurston Substation, and the Leaburg and Walterville Power Plants. The fiber provides reliable and low cost broadband voice and data communications capability to key Electric and Water facilities.

In 2013, EWEB increased its use of SUB dark fiber five-fold by increasing from one pair to five pairs in order to provision path-diverse fiber connectivity for its wide-area Ethernet network. EWEB now has redundant communications to its electric facilities in Springfield and upriver; which are required in order to meet NERC Reliability Standards and Requirements for system operations. The requested additional funds will cover the increase in lease fees over the next three year period and will provide reliable broadband service at a fraction of the cost of commercial telecommunication providers. The costs for this service are included in 2014 Electric and Water Utility budgets.

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 2014 and will be budgeted annually.

SIGNATURES:

Project Coordinator: _____

LT Manager: _____

Purchasing Manager: _____

General Manager: _____

Board Approval Date: _____

Secretary/Assistant Secretary verification: _____