

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.** for Pole Inspection, Test, & Treat, and NESC and Joint Use Inspections.

Board Meeting Date: 7/7/20
Project Name/Contract #: RFP 20-081-S Pole Inspection, Test & Treat, and NESC and Joint Use Inspections
Primary Contact: Rod Price Ext. 7122

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$560,000 (estimated over 5 year period)
Additional \$ Previously Approved: N/A
Invoices over last approval: N/A
Percentage over last approval: N/A
Amount this Request: \$560,000 (estimated over 5 year period)
Resulting Cumulative Total: \$560,000 (estimated over 5 year period)

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal RFP
If applicable, basis for exemption: N/A
Term of Agreement: **1 year, with option to renew up to 5 years**
Option to Renew? Annually up to five years
Approval for purchases "as needed" for the life of the Contract Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received: 3
Selection Basis: Highest Ranked Proposer

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB is required to maintain poles in our transmission and distribution systems for regulatory compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), National Electrical Safety Codes (NESC) and Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) requirements for system component quality and safety.

Contracted Goods or Services

Services under the contract include: Wood Pole Inspection, Test and Treatment services, National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) Inspection, with an option to provide joint inspections at a later date, of up to an estimated 2,800 wood transmission and distribution poles, and 1,100 non-wood transmission and distribution poles (i.e. steel, concrete, fiberglass, ductile iron, etc.) each year.

Wood Pole inspections will locate damage caused by decay, fungi, insects, woodpeckers, fire, machinery, or other causes. The condition of crossarms and attachments including insulators, bolts, guy wires, and ground wires will be observed and reported. Inspection services include visual observations, excavating, drilling, and climbing activities. For wood poles that pass the inspections, fumigant treatment will be applied. For poles that are rejected during the inspection, EWEB staff will assess for repair or replacement.

NESC and Joint Use Pole Inspection will include detailed visual inspections on all poles and attachments for compliance with NESC and Oregon Public Utility Commission Safety Rules.

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB previously contracted with Osmose Utilities Services for Inspection and Coating of 13 Steel Lattice Towers under EWEB Contract 1032-2018. The contractor was responsive to all needs and completed the work on time.

Purchasing Process

In April 2020, EWEB issued a formal Request for Proposals (RFP 20-081-S) for pole inspection, test and treatment, and NESC and Joint-Use Inspection Services. This solicitation was advertised on the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN).

Three proposals were evaluated and scored. Criteria and weighting included: ability and capability to perform the services (45%); project approach and reporting (25%); and pricing (30%). Osmose Utilities Services was selected as the highest ranked, responsive and responsible proposer. Osmose personnel assigned to this project are from the Eugene/Springfield and Portland areas.

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price	Ranking (for Request For Proposals)
Osmose Utilities Services	Peachtree City, GA	\$111,000 annually	1
National Wood Treating Co.	Albany, OR	\$109,000 annually	2
Jensen's Tree Service	Winston, OR	\$168,000 annually	3

Competitive Fair Price (If less than 3 responses received)

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a new contract with Osmose Utilities Services for Pole Inspection, Test, & Treat, and NESC and Joint Use Inspections. Approximately \$100,000 was planned for these services in the Electric O&M 2020 budget of \$221.0 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.