

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Northwest Youth Corps** for required vegetation maintenance services.

Board Meeting Date: March 2, 2021
Project Name/Contract #: Vegetation Maintenance, Contract 21-025-SC
Primary Contact: Rod Price, Ext. 7122

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$500,000 over 5 years
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Invoices over last approval: \$0
Percentage over last approval: 0%
Amount this Request: \$500,000 over 5 years
Resulting Cumulative Total: \$500,000 over 5 years

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Direct Negotiation
If applicable, basis for exemption: Exempt per ORS 344.425
Term of Agreement: **1 year, with annual renewals up to 5 years total.**
Option to Renew? Yes, renews annually up to 5 years total
Approval for purchases “as needed” for the life of the Contract Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): N/A
Selection Basis: Exempt per ORS 344.425

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB is required (by FERC, Army Corps, DSL, etc.) to perform various wetland and stream restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement, native vegetation planting, and invasive plant species removal projects on EWEB owned or controlled properties.

Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) is a youth job development organization that operates under ORS 344.425. Public bodies may enter into agreements with youth job development organizations for the provision of services by youth participants in connection with public resource projects.

Contracted Goods or Services

Contract services include the manual removal of non-native invasive vegetation, as well as planting of native species. Staff would contact NYC on an “as-needed” project-by-project basis after staff identifies the vegetation maintenance and removal requirements as specific needs arise. Exact project

parameters are unknown, and no guarantee has been made with the contractor to purchase any specific annual amount.

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB previously contracted with NYC for these services, and their work has been exemplary, meeting EWEB’s quality and service requirements, and has also proven to be cost-effective in maintaining compliance regulations that involve vegetation management. The value of the previous contract was roughly \$470,000 over five years.

EWEB has determined that contracting with NYC provides required services at reasonable rates and assists in the training of youth participants. Cooperative agreements between youth job development organizations and public bodies create job training opportunities for youth that will provide critical job and workforce skills for Oregon youth and will provide significant cost savings and flexibility to public bodies in public resource projects.

Purchasing Process

Cooperative Agreements with a youth job development organization, such as Northwest Youth Corps, for the provision of services by youth participants, are exempt from the Public Contracting Code (ORS 279A, 279B, and 279C).

Competitive Fair Price (If less than 3 responses received)

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a new contract with Northwest Youth Corps for vegetation management services. Approximately \$100,000 was planned for these services in the Electric O&M 2021 budget of \$217.7 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.