

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Oregon Woods, Inc.** for the **Purchase of Vegetation Management Services.**

Board Meeting Date:	April 4, 2023	
Project Name/Contract #:	Carmen Transmission Line and Canals Vegetation Management / 23-012-S	
Manager:	Scott Milovich	Ext. 7408
Executive Officer:	Karen Kelley	Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount:	\$650,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$0
Amount this Request:	\$650,000
% Increase over last approval:	NA
Resulting Cumulative Total:	\$650,000 (over 5 years)

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation:	Formal Invitation to Bid
If applicable, basis for exemption:	NA
Term of Agreement:	5 years (May 3, 2023 – May 2, 2028)
Option to Renew?	No
Approval for purchases “as needed”:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Proposals/Bids Received (Range):	2 (Lot 1 - \$360,000 to \$660,000 / Lot 2 - \$345,000 to \$660,000)
Selection Basis:	Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB is required under our two FERC licenses to manage vegetation on the following two areas of EWEB owned or controlled properties to standards specific to each site. This work meets our regulatory goals as well as EWEB’s strategic goal of “sustaining safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible drinking water and electricity services” for our customers.

Lot 1 (Carmen Smith Transmission Corridor): Work is traditionally performed in the fall when fire hazards are at a minimum.

Lot 2 (Leaburg/Waltermville Canals): Work is required to be performed at least twice (two rounds) per season and is performed from spring through summer to comply with FERC standards. The exact timing of each round is dependent on spring/summer weather and directed by EWEB’s Environmental Specialist.

Contracted Goods or Services

This ITB included two lots for vegetation management, one to occur at EWEB’s Carmen-Smith project along the

transmission line, and one to occur along the Leaburg and Walterville hydroelectric canals, or on properties associated with the canals along the McKenzie River. The transmission line work involves the manual removal of certain invasive species and native tree species along the entire 19-mile corridor, and the pruning and shearing of the remaining native cover to meet line clearance specifications. The corridor work supports the multiple protection and enhancement requirements outlined in several of the Carmen-Smith License Management Plans. The canal work primarily involves the hand cutting of all vegetation along the two canal systems with power weed eaters to maintain FERC specifications to prevent the establishment of woody species and to provide for canal integrity inspections. This contract can also provide for limited herbicide applications to target invasive species (to meet requirements in the Vegetation Management Plan) following EWEB's established standards and practices.

Purchasing Process

This solicitation was advertised on the OregonBuys website for three weeks, and two (2) bids were received. Oregon Woods, Inc. was deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price (Lot 1)	Offered Price (Lot 2)
Brink Brothers, Inc.	Pleasant Hill, OR	\$660,000	\$660,000
Oregon Woods, Inc.	Eugene, OR	\$360,000	\$345,000

Competitive Fair Price (If less than 3 responses received)

There are basically nine companies, in our territory, that could have responded. Although all nine were directly solicited and encouraged to participate, two chose not to because they do not currently have the number of employees necessary to accomplish the scope of work, one felt they could not compete with the companies that normally bid on such solicitations, two are new to OregonBuys and did not understand the bidding process, and two had employees that did not submit by the ITB deadline, while the final two did bid.

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)	Reason Code
22-246-3-S	Small Lot Vegetation Management	2/7/23	2/8/23 – 1/31/28	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
21-265-S	Vegetation Management Services EWEB McKenzie Corridor	4/5/22	4/7/22 - 4/5/26	\$200,000	\$200,000	
21-131-S	Vegetation Maintenance and Irrigation Services	NA	12/31/22	\$80,520	\$96,770 (complete)	SD
Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other						

21-131-S Staff directed additional work (additional invasive vegetation management and hazard tree removal/community firewood program)

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a new contract with Oregon Woods, Inc. for Vegetation Management Services. Allowances for these services were included in the \$3 million O&M budget for the Leaburg-Walterville O&M budget and in the \$3.9 million O&M budget for the Carmen-Smith budget in 2023. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.