

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Cooperative Contracts

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of the **NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Contracts** to purchase **Cloud Solutions - Software as a Service (SaaS), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), and Platform as a Service (PaaS)**.

Board Meeting Date:	July 9, 2024
Project Name/Contract #:	Cloud Solutions through NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Contracts
Executive Officer:	Travis Knabe Ext. 7770
Initial Approval Amount:	\$1,000,000 over 5 years (August 1, 2023)
Amount of this Request:	Additional \$2,000,000 over 5 years
Expected Spend:	\$3,000,000 over 5 years

Narrative:

The Board is being asked to authorize the increased use of the NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solutions Cooperative Contract portfolio for the purchase of cloud solutions (SaaS, IaaS, PaaS, and cloud consulting services).

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

Over the past several years we have made intentional decisions to take advantage of cloud solutions where appropriate. Cloud solutions provide flexibility and increased collaboration efficiencies without a large up-front investment.

The NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solutions Cooperative Contracts include a wide range of cloud service providers to meet government business solutions, including telephone systems and call routing platforms, anti-virus solutions, log and analytical tools, and electronic signature tools. Purchasing from vendors who have signed a Participating Addendum with the State of Oregon allows EWEB to purchase cloud services that have met specific security requirements under other terms and conditions that are designed to protect government data housed in cloud applications.

EWEB's phone system is currently being upgraded to a cloud hosted service, making it eligible for purchase on the NASPO Cloud Solutions Cooperative Contract. Purchasing the subscription and implementation services through the NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solutions Cooperative Contract allows EWEB to benefit from favorable pricing and pre-negotiated terms and conditions that have been accepted by the State of Oregon. Therefore, the increase to the contract is primarily due to this upgrade, which has been budgeted for by the IS Division. The upgrade costs are \$230,000, with annual costs of \$300,000 for the first two years, which includes historical data from the legacy system we are required to store for two years based on document retention requirements. In Year 3 the annual costs will reduce by \$80,000. The total on-going costs for phone system upgrade will result in a budget neutral effort, after we have met the two-year data storage requirement.

Purchasing Process

NASPO ValuePoint is the purchasing arm of NASPO (the National Association of State Procurement Officials). And their cooperative contracts are competitively solicited and leverage the expertise and buying power of many states and participating entities. These contracts for Cloud Solutions were awarded pursuant to RFP CH16012, which was led by the State of Utah. As of this date, there are over 61 contractors that have entered into master agreements and the State of Oregon has signed Participating Agreements with the following: A&T Systems, Inc. (Master Agreement No. AR2494), Carahsoft Technology Corporation (Master Agreement No. AR2472), CenturyLink dba Lumen (Master Agreement No. AR2474), and SHI International Corp. (Master Agreement No. AR2488).

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board authorize the continued use of the NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solutions Cooperative Contracts from vendors who have signed a Participating Addendum with the State of Oregon. Approximately \$500,000 was planned for these telephone systems and call routing platform services in the 2024 IS Division Capital Type 1 Budget of \$3.85 million and \$200,000 was planned for cloud services in the 2024 IS Division O&M budget of \$5.8 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.