

# EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with the **U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)** for **Hydrological Surveillance Maintenance, Monitoring and Reporting Services**.

Board Meeting Date: December 3, 2024  
Project Name/Contract #: Hydrologic Surveillance FERC Projects 2242 and 2496 / 24-236-IGA  
Manager: Lisa Krentz Ext. 7450  
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### Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$927,000  
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0  
Spend over last approval: \$0  
Amount this Request: \$927,000  
% Increase over last approval: NA  
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$927,000 (Over 5-years)**

### Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Direct Negotiation  
If applicable, basis for exemption: Exemption Rue 6-0110(1)(a) Intergovernmental Agreement  
Term of Agreement: October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2029  
Option to Renew? No  
Approval for purchases "as needed": Yes  No   
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): NA  
Selection Basis: Direct Negotiation

Narrative:

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The FERC operating licenses for the Carmen-Smith, Leaburg, and Waltherville hydroelectric projects have specific flow requirements, including instream flows and downstream ramping rates. The licenses require EWEB to maintain an Intergovernmental Agreement with the USGS for the collection and reporting of streamflow data associated with project operations. The data is used by EWEB to monitor compliance and anticipate necessary operational changes. It is also used by the USGS in support of its nationwide streamflow monitoring program.

### Contracted Goods or Services

The USGS is a governmental organization that provides impartial monitoring and analysis that adheres to strict national protocols. The scope of services includes maintenance, monitoring, collection and reporting of data at USGS operated gaging stations that monitor streamflow, stage height, temperature, and conductivity. Their findings are directly comparable across local, state, regional, and national levels.

Purchasing Process

USGS, a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior, is contracted through direct negotiation per EWEB Rule 6-0110(1), which allows a contract to be exempted from the solicitation process if the services are contracted between EWEB and a governmental body.

Competitive Fair Price

NA - Exempt from Solicitation

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB has maintained agreements for similar work from USGS for decades. The current arrangement relating to Generation facilities dates back to 2002. In addition, EWEB has agreements with USGS for other gauging stations in the watershed that support the drinking water source protection program.

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)
24-089-IGA	Hydrological Surveillance Maintenance, Monitoring and Reporting Services	12-4-18	10-1-18 to 9-30-24 ( 6 years)	\$970,900	\$970,900

Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve a contract with the USGS for hydrological surveillance services. \$300,000 was planned for these services in the Generation Division 2025 O&M budget of approximately \$6.2 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** Electric O&M, Generation Division, Fees and Licenses