

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Wildish Building Company** for **Construction Services at EWEB’s Coburg Substation.**

Board Meeting Date: December 3, 2024
Project Name/Contract #: Coburg Substation Transformer Installation / 24-208-PW
Manager: Tyler Nice Ext. 7491
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$530,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$530,000
% Increase over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$530,000**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA
Term of Agreement: Completion by April 30, 2025
Option to Renew? No
Approval for purchases “as needed”: Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 2 (\$530,000 to \$537,179)
Selection Basis: Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

In the two decades since its original construction, the area supplied by Coburg Substation has continued to increase in its electric demand. To continue to serve customers with reliable power and meet the new needs for the area, EWEB is expanding its Coburg Substation capacity with the addition of a new, larger transformer. The installation of the new transformer will require new foundations and expansion of the spill containment system at the substation to be able to safely contain the environmentally friendly natural ester fluid that the transformer is filled with, in case of a spill. The Board is being asked to approve a construction contract with Wildish Building Company for excavation, spill containment expansion, subgrade conduit and vault installation, and foundation pouring at the Coburg Substation to support the installation of this new transformer.

Contracted Goods or Services

If approved, Contractor will perform the following in early 2025:

- Site excavation
- Expansion of the existing spill containment to accommodate and safely contain the natural ester fluid in the new transformer

- Install conduits and vaults below grade to allow for control, monitoring, and operations of the transformer and other station equipment.
- Construction of four (4) foundations to support the transformer and other critical equipment being added

Purchasing Process

Staff issued a formal Invitation to Bid on October 14, 2024. The bid was posted on the bid site for the state of Oregon, OregonBuys, as well as the Portland Daily Journal of Commerce. Additionally, EWEB sent notification of the bid directly to nine (9) companies.

Two (2) bids were received from the companies listed below and were found to be responsive and responsible. Wildish Building Company of Eugene, OR submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid and an Intent to Award was issued. If approved, Wildish Building Company will provide construction services, as specified in the solicitation documents.

Proposals/Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price
Wildish Building Company	Eugene, OR	\$530,000
Michels Pacific Energy Inc.	Tumwater, WA	\$537,179

Competitive Fair Price

A courtesy notice of the ITB was sent to nine construction contractors capable of performing a good portion of the work (with the support of either an electrical or civil construction contractor) with Purchasing contacting a majority to ensure receipt. Four of these companies were new to EWEB and had expressed interest in bidding future EWEB projects, however only two submitted bids. EWEB gathered feedback from those not submitting and one reason some contractors did not bid was because the project required one primary construction contractor and subcontractor that could either do the civil or the electrical work. Many cited the difficulty of finding an electrical construction contractor that was available to partner with as most appear to have very full schedules for the time required.

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
20-117-PW	Walterville Toe Drain	NA	5-28-20 to 12-31-20	\$56,300	\$56,300	
050-2018	Carmen Powerhouse Substation Upgrades	1-8-19	1-22-19 to 12-20-19	\$4.58 M	\$4.73 M	AW
049-2018	Build Breezeway at Ice Cap Campground Restrooms	1-8-19	8-8-18 to 10-31-19	\$87,972	\$89,464	

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 Wildish Building Company for construction services. Funds for this contract are accounted for in the 2025 Capital Plan of \$77.8 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: Electric Capital, Type 1, Coburg Transformer Addition