

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **FEI Testing & Inspection** for **Construction Inspection Services**.

Board Meeting Date: January 7, 2025
Project Name/Contract #: On-Call Construction Testing & Inspection Services / 24-210-PSC
Manager: Lisa Krentz Ext. 7450
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$200,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$200,000
% Increase over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$200,000 (Over 5-years)**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Request for Proposals
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA
Term of Agreement: 5 years
Option to Renew? No
Approval for purchases "as needed": Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 3 (Scenario pricing received only)
Selection Basis: Highest Ranked Proposer
Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

An on-call testing service contract will enable EWEB to perform testing and inspections in a timely manner to verify contractor and construction work meets industry standards and project-specific performance requirements. This contract with FEI for testing services is in alignment with EWEB's Strategic Plan to ensure overall *safety* and *reliability* of our projects through work that is completed in conformance with the design specifications. EWEB frequently requires small dollar value testing services while performing capital improvements and facility maintenance projects. Grouping small tasks into a single contract supports effective *stewardship of our customers' financial resources*.

Contracted Goods or Services

This 5-year contract will allow EWEB to use FEI's testing services on an as needed basis for a variety of projects and testing requirements. FEI can provide a wide range of testing services including field testing, special inspections, materials testing, and other tests related to aggregate, asphalt and concrete quality. The dollar amount for this contract has been established based on historical precedents for EWEB's testing and special

inspection service demands over the previous five-year period from all departments (Electric and Water Divisions) as documented in the 'Prior Contract Activities' table below. This is a requirements contract (price agreement) and the exact total amount of this contract is based on need and not on any specific dollar amount.

Purchasing Process

In October 2024, EWEB posted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for on-call testing and inspection services on the state of Oregon bid site (OregonBuys). Criteria scored included Performance History (20 Points), Knowledge & Understanding of EWEB's Projects (15 Points), Project Approach and Execution of Work (20 Points), Pricing/Rates (25 Points), and Availability (20 Points). Proposals were evaluated and scored, and FEI Testing & Inspection was selected as the highest ranked responsive and responsible proposer.

Proposals/Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Ranking (for RFPs)
FEI Testing & Inspection	Eugene, OR	1
Earth Engineers, Inc.	Springfield, OR	2
Columbia West	Portland, OR	3

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
19-081-Q	Testing & Inspection	12-3-19	Dec 2019 to Jan 2025	225,000	\$175,000	
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 FEI Testing & Inspection for construction inspection services. The costs for testing and special inspection services are included as a relatively minor component of the overall budgets for a variety of capital improvement projects across the Water and Electric Divisions over the next five years. The capital spending projections for both divisions over the next five years is approximately \$632 million. Variances in special inspection costs will be managed for each of those projects within the overall budget processes and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: All EWEB departments will have access to this contract. Budget category varies depending on project, and may include Electric or Water and both O&M or Capital.