

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 Danebo Substation**.

Board Meeting Date: March 4, 2025
Project Name/Contract #: Danebo Substation Foundation Construction / 25-015-PW
Manager: Tyler Nice Ext. 7419
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$676,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$676,000
% Increase over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$676,000**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid (ITB)
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA
Term of Agreement: Completion by August 30, 2025
Option to Renew? No
Approval for purchases "as needed": Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 1 - \$ 676,000
Selection Basis: Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder
Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB plans to begin rebuilding Jessen Substation in 2026. Early load studies found that EWEB's distribution could not support backfeeding Jessen in its current state. The chosen solution was to reconfigure the 115kV bus at Danebo substation and replace one of the transformers to support this work. Work was already planned to replace one of the switchgear buildings at Danebo, so EWEB took the opportunity to combine this work into a single project to reduce overall cost and outage duration. The planned reconfiguration will provide EWEB with enhanced reliability options that will last well beyond the Jessen rebuild and will be beneficial to customers' service reliability and EWEB's future capital plans. Because of the nature of this project there is significant subgrade and foundation work that needs to be completed, which is the purpose of this contract.

Contracted Goods or Services

The contractor will be responsible for the following work:

- Remove foundations and conduit for equipment no longer in use
- Construct new foundations for the following equipment:

- 33 MVA station transformer
- Control house
- 115kV breaker
- 115kV disconnect switch
- Bus support structures (2)
- 115kV instrument transformer stand
- Install conduit to new foundation locations as required
- Backfill station surface rock with specialized aggregate for substation use in areas disturbed by demo and construction work

Purchasing Process

On January 23, 2025, EWEB posted a formal ITB on the state of Oregon bid site, OregonBuys, as well as advertised in the Portland Daily Journal of Commerce. Two bids were received from Wildish Building Company, Eugene, OR and Higher Ground Line Company of Eugene, OR. Higher Ground’s bid was non-responsive as they failed to include a bid bond in time. Wildish Building Company provided a responsive and responsible bid. If approved, Wildish Building Company will provide construction services, as specified in the solicitation documents.

Proposals/Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price	Ranking (for RFPs)
Wildish Building Company	Eugene, OR	\$676,000	NA
Higher Ground Line Company	Eugene, OR	\$665,686	NA

Competitive Fair Price

EWEB sent notification of the bid directly to 15 companies who had participated in or expressed interest in substation construction work. One company decided not to bid as the scope of work did not require enough electrical work to match their core skills. Another stated that they had not been able to put a bid together in a timely enough fashion, even with the bid being extended an extra week. Another company stated that they felt they would not be as competitively priced as more local companies. A fourth company could not meet the minimum qualification regarding safety training. A fifth stated that they were looking for more water bearing structural projects. The remaining firms did not express interest.

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
22-060	Polk St Water Main Replacement	6/7/22	6/7/22-12/15/22	\$900,000	\$920,779	UC
22-107	Glenwood Site Access Road	8/2/22	8/8/23-11/15/22	\$261,000	\$233,449	
22-141	8 th Ave Water Main Replacement	9/6/22	9/7/23-1/15/23	\$396,000	\$428,428	UC

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 at Danebo Substation. 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, Danebo Substation