

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve additional funds for the contract with **capSpire, Inc.** for **Commodity Transaction and Risk Management (CTRM) Support Services**.

Board Meeting Date:	April 1, 2025	
Project Name/Contract #:	CTRM Support Services / Contract 23-251-PSC	
Manager:	Bruce Debysingh	Ext. 7196
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Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount:	\$500,000 (Approved January 9, 2024)
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$18,440
Amount this Request:	\$320,000 (includes spend over last approval)
% Increase over last approval:	64%
Resulting Cumulative Total:	\$820,000

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation:	Direct Negotiation
If applicable, basis for exemption:	EWEB Rule 3-0275 Sole Source Procurement
Term of Agreement:	January 10, 2024 – March 31, 2026
Option to Renew?	Yes, up to 5 years total
Approval for purchases “as needed”:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposals/Bids Received (Range):	NA
Selection Basis:	Sole Source

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB requires technical services in support of the Allegro Horizon system used by EWEB’s Energy Division. These services will supplement EWEB’s internal IS resources in the support, maintenance and enhancement of the Allegro system and the respective external energy integrations and data sources to meet the demands driven by external emerging energy markets. These services will also facilitate functional, technical support and the transfer of this knowledge to EWEB teams in both operational and strategic capabilities in these evolving markets and technologies.

Contracted Goods or Services

In 2023 capSpire assisted EWEB with implementing the Allegro Horizon system, which is a commodity trading and risk management (CTRM) system used by the Energy Division. In 2024, EWEB contracted with capSpire for hypercare, including support, maintenance, and small enhancement services to meet the Energy Division’s business needs and requirements. In 2025, the Energy Division’s system support needs have changed from hypercare to enhancement work to meet ongoing regulatory and contractual requirements, necessitating support from capSpire. Below are a few examples of the work anticipated over the next twelve months. This list and the priorities may change as new work is identified from external drivers (e.g., compliance requirements, contract requirements, etc.).

- New interface between our settlement system and PacifiCorp's metering data to meet scheduling requirements of two generating resources in the PacifiCorp balancing authority. This is necessitated as PacifiCorp transitions to the day ahead market.
- Update receipt of Clatskanie PUD's metering data as part of their SCADA system upgrade to deliver power portfolio services under our mutual agreement.
- EWEB is entering into a new service agreement with Cascade Pacific Pulp. Implementation requires an interface with their systems to share metering data.
- BPA recently issued changes for the way EWEB schedules transmission losses requiring reconfiguration within Horizon.
- Clatskanie PUD is redefining the way it sends data to EWEB, requiring new development within Horizon to ingest this data.
- Create audible alarms for situational awareness, alerting traders when action is required.
- New commodities, such as Green House Gas (GHG) and Capacity, need to be integrated into all internal systems and reports.
- Support Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) implementation in the system and create new reports once the region defines the requirements.
- As EWEB's regulatory compliance requirements and BPA obligations change, we need modifications to systems and reports to ensure standards are met and potential costs managed.
- Develop automated process to import daily Sumas gas prices and wind schedules into our systems. This process is currently a manual one – this enhancement will improve accuracy of information, efficiencies, and improve analytics to negotiate future power contracts.

Purchasing Process

EWEB initiated a sole source process due to the expertise required for the services and the Board approved the contract January 9, 2024.

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
21-151	Horizon Upgrade	3-1-22	March 2021 – March 2024	\$1,460,000	\$1,735,551	AW
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 additional funds for the contract with capSpire, Inc. for Commodity Transaction and Risk Management (CTRM) Support Services. Approximately \$300,000 was planned for these services in the IS Division 2025 O&M budget of \$12.2 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: Electric O&M, Information Services Division, Consulting