

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Pacific Excavation** for **Site Preparation Work at the Carmen-Smith Load Bank Project**.

Board Meeting Date: April 1, 2025
Project Name/Contract #: Construction at Carmen-Smith Load Bank Station / 25-025-PW
Manager: Lisa Krentz Ext. 7450
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$737,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$737,000
% Increase over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$737,000**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA
Term of Agreement: Completion by July 2, 2025
Option to Renew? No
Approval for purchases "as needed": Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 2 (\$736,353 - \$945,000)
Selection Basis: Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder
Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The Board is being asked to approve a construction contract with Pacific Excavation for site preparation work at the Carmen-Smith Load Bank Project. The 2019 Carmen-Smith operating license requires the construction of a facility that allows EWEB to manage water in a manner that avoids high volume spills into the Smith Bypass Reach when the Carmen Transmission line is out of service. The Load Bank allows water to be routed through the power tunnel to the Carmen Powerhouse rather than discharging from Smith Reservoir into the Smith Bypass Reach, potentially damaging planned aquatic habitat improvements for critical spawning and rearing habitat. The Load Bank site needs to be cleared and graded to accommodate the installation of electrical infrastructure.

This contract is the second of three that enables EWEB to complete the Load Bank requirement of the Carmen-Smith license and directly aligns with the Strategic Plan initiatives related to cost improvement and safe and reliable delivery of services. In March, the Board approved the purchase of a 50 MVA Transformer for the Load Bank. EWEB is currently bidding the electrical infrastructure installation and plans to start the electrical work immediately following the completion of the site preparation work.

Contracted Goods or Services

The contractor will be responsible for the following work:

- Clearing, grading, and filling to create a stable, level area
- Trucking of excess material to a suitable location for disposal
- Removal of existing waterline and foundations that are no longer in use
- Excavation of unsuitable soils
- Placement of rock backfill to support future equipment foundations
- Construction of a new waterline to serve Carmen Campus and Powerhouse
- Temporary waterline during construction
- Installation of fiber optic conduits
- Road and pavement rehabilitation,
- Ancillary work including permits, traffic control, etc.

Purchasing Process

On January 23, 2025, EWEB posted a formal ITB on the State of Oregon bid site, OregonBuys, and advertised in the Portland Daily Journal of Commerce. Two bids were received from Wildish Building Company and Pacific Excavation. Pacific Excavation provided the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price
Pacific Excavation	Eugene, OR	\$736,353
Wildish Building Company	Eugene, OR	\$945,000

Competitive Fair Price (If less than 3 responses received)

A notice for this bid was sent directly to 11 construction companies known for performing this type of work. Most of the companies that did not bid stated their schedule was full for this time period.

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
24-111-PW	College Hill Storage Tanks – Demolition and Earthwork	6/4/2024	6/20/2024 - 3/1/2025	\$5,681,560	\$5,529,429	
23-011-PW	Hilyard Transmission Main Replacement	3/7/2023	3/16/2023 - 6/1/2025	\$9,500,000	\$9,162,281	
22-021-PW	E. 40 th Ave Storage Tanks – Construction	4/5/2022	4/7/2022 – 12/31/2024	\$19,184,575	\$21,622,213	SD

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 Pacific Excavation for construction services at the Carmen-Smith Load Bank site. Approximately \$5 million was planned in 2025 for the Load Bank Project in the Carmen-Smith License Deployment capital budget of \$22.6 Million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: Electric Capital, Type 2, Carmen Smith License Deployment