

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve the use of a cooperative contract with **Bane Machinery, Inc.** for the **purchase of two (2) mid-size hydraulic excavators.**

Board Meeting Date: 4/6/2021

Project Name/Contract #: Hydraulic Excavator/HGAC Cooperative Contract EM06-19

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Previous Spend: \$0

Amount of this Request: \$ 258,000

Resulting Cumulative Total: \$258,000

Narrative:

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of the following cooperative contract: Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) #EM06-19 for the purchase of two (2) mid-size hydraulic excavators.

EWEB requires the use of specialized earthmoving equipment for use by the Water Construction Crews for building and maintaining water system infrastructure. As excavators have become more sophisticated and versatile, their design provides a greater range of motion and is safer to use in confined workspaces. With a useful service life of 15 to 18 years, these units will replace two (2) backhoes that are over 20 years old and have become unreliable and replacement parts are becoming obsolete.

HGAC's Cooperative Purchasing Program, known as HGACBuy, was established pursuant to Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act [Texas Local Government Code, Title 7, Chapter 791]. The Act allows local governments and certain non-profits to contract or agree under the terms of the Act to make purchases or provide purchasing services and other administrative functions appropriately established by another government entity. The Interlocal Contract (ILC) is the required legal document that establishes a link between the End User (local governments and certain non-profits) and HGACBuy, and gives the End User access to HGACBuy contracts. Like other cooperative programs, HGAC leverages the purchasing power of public entities across the country to deliver best value and competitively sourced contracts that offer public entities, like EWEB, outstanding pricing and value.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve the use of the HGAC Contract #EM06-19 with **Bane Machinery** for the purchase of two hydraulic excavators. Approximately \$795,000 was planned for vehicle purchases in the Water Capital 2021 budget of \$21.1 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.