

**EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**  
*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with the **Northwest Power Pool (NWPP) Corporation** to provide North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) engineering and testing services.

Backgrounder No

Board Meeting Date: July 21, 2009

Project Name/Contract#: NWPP General Services Agreement

Project Contact: Dean Ahlsten Ext. 3210

Purchasing Contact: Gail Murray Ext. 3254

**Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount: \$ 60,000  
 Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$ -  
 Invoices over last approval: \$ -  
 Percentage over last approval: - %  
 Amount this Request: \$ 60,000  
 Resulting Cumulative Total: \$ 60,000

**Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation: Direct negotiation/Personal Services <\$150k  
 If applicable, basis for exemption: EWEB Rule 6-0270  
 Term of Agreement: July 22, 2009 – July 31, 2010  
 Option to Renew? Yes  
 Approval for purchases "as needed" for the life of the contract No

**NARRATIVE:**

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with the **Northwest Power Pool (NWPP) Corporation** to provide North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) engineering and testing services.

NWPP is a non-profit organization that serves as a forum in the electrical industry for reliability and operational adequacy issues in the Northwest. It is a voluntary organization comprised of major generating utilities serving the Northwestern U.S., British Columbia and Alberta. At a recent meeting with the NWPP representatives, NERC compliance gaps were identified in the area of transmission planning. To become compliant, EWEB must perform a series of dynamic system simulations that document the performance of EWEB's transmission system under a variety of outage scenarios.

Staff currently does not have the resources (software) to perform the required system simulations. The services of a qualified engineering firm with NERC regulatory compliance testing experience to bring EWEB transmission systems into compliance with NERC reliability standards is needed. The **NWPP** has the required compliance experience, expertise in the utility industry and are able to perform the work before the end of the year. NWPP's status as a non-profit corporation enables them to be able to perform the work at a significantly lower cost than other consulting firms.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with the **Northwest Power Pool (NWPP) Corporation** to provide North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) engineering and testing services. Funds for these services were budgeted for 2009.

Action Requested:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contract Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract Increase
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Funding Source:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Budget
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reserves
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Revenue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bonding
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Form of Contract:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/>	Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Personal Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction
<input type="checkbox"/>	IGA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Price Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

**SIGNATURES:**

Project Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchasing Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Division Director: \_\_\_\_\_

General Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary/Assistant Secretary verification: \_\_\_\_\_