

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract for the purchase of network security IP switches, software, and support from **Network Computing Architects (NCA)**.

Backgrounder No

Board Meeting Date: November 17, 2009

Project Name/Contract#: Network Security F5 IP Switch

Project Contact: Mark Ellister Ext. 7771

Purchasing Contact: Quentin Furrow Ext. 7380

Action Requested:

Contract Award
 Contract Renewal
 Contract Increase
 Other

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$137,704

Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$

Invoices over last approval: \$

Percentage over last approval: 0%

Amount this Request: \$137,704

Resulting Cumulative Total: \$137,704

Funding Source:

Budget
 Reserves
 New Revenue
 Bonding
 Other

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Intermediate Procurement – Quotes

If applicable, basis for exemption: N/A

Term of Agreement: November 18 – December 31, 2009

Option to Renew? No. Single purchase

Approval for purchases “as needed” for the life of the contract No

Form of Contract:

Single Purchase
 Services
 Personal Services
 Construction
 IGA
 Price Agreement
 Other

NARRATIVE:

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract for the purchase of network security IP switches, software, and support from **Network Computing Architects (NCA)**.

EWEB currently uses F5 Networks (manufacturer) BIG-IP appliance to do both load balancing as well as application level security for web based applications on EWEB’s networks. The security software within these devices is required by PCI (Payment Card Industry) regulations for organizations that process a certain number of credit card transactions.

EWEB presently has two F5 devices. One internal, which protects our CIS (Customer Information System), and one external, that protects our internet facing web sites. Since EWEB is currently using the hardware and software solution provided by F5, the utilization of existing equipment and support requires EWEB to look for a solution provided by the same manufacturer.

These devices and their software maintenance and support are available from a single manufacturer that utilizes multiple resellers for distribution of their products and support. Staff has sought competitive quotes for this purchase in accordance with Oregon procurement law. Network Computing Architects of Portland Oregon provided the lower offer for this equipment.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff requests Board approval of a new contract for the purchase of network security IP switches, software, and support from **Network Computing Architects (NCA)**. Funds for the purchase of these products and services were budgeted for 2009.

SIGNATURES:

Project Coordinator: _____

Supervisor: _____

Purchasing Manager: _____

Division Director: _____

General Manager: _____

Board Approval Date: _____

Secretary/Assistant Secretary verification: _____