

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve new contracts with **Habitat Contracting, Oregon Woods, and Integrated Resource Management** for **vegetation management services**.

Board Meeting Date: April 4, 2017
Project Name/Contract#: Vegetation Management Services / ITB 001-2017
Primary Contact: Mel Damewood Ext. 7145
Purchasing Contact: Quentin Furrow Ext. 7380

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$400,000 (over 5 years between 3 contracts)
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$ n/a
Invoices over last approval: \$ n/a
Percentage over last approval: n/a
Amount this Request: \$400,000
Resulting Cumulative Total: \$400,000

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal ITB
If applicable, basis for exemption: n/a
Term of Agreement: April 2017 – March 2022
Option to Renew? Contracts have option to renew annually up to five years total
Approval for purchases "*as needed*" for the life of the contract Yes
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): \$38- \$48/hour (selected contractors)
\$144-\$225/hour (non-selected contractors)
Selection Basis: Lowest responsive and responsible bidders (multiple award)

Narrative:

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EWEB requires vegetation management services for various FERC required vegetation management projects on EWEB owned and/or operated properties. The exact amount of services needed is unknown and no guarantee has been made for any specific quantity of work. In 2015 and 2016, approximately \$70,000 was paid for these services annually. Of that, \$40,000 per year was budgeted within the Environmental Department, with the remainder from other departments (Generation and Systems Engineering). The scope of this contract includes additional compliance tasks that have been identified for 2017 and beyond.

The work requires specialized skills of restoration professionals who are both knowledgeable about and experienced with native/invasive plants and habitat restoration, and have the ability to perform the physically demanding aspects of vegetation maintenance in natural environments. Much of the work consists of emergent projects that are identified either by staff or is required by FERC inspections.

In February 2017, staff issued a Formal Invitation to Bid with the intent of awarding multiple contracts for vegetation management services. Twelve (12) companies reviewed the solicitation and EWEB received six (6) bids. Bids were received from Integrated Resource Management of Philomath, OR, Oregon Woods of Eugene, OR, Habitat Contracting of Eugene, OR, Rose Tree Service & Vegetation Management of Walterville, OR, DeAngelo Brothers

of Portland, OR and Asplundh Tree Expert Company of Sherwood, OR. The Lowest responsive and responsible bids were received from Habitat Contracting, Oregon Woods, and Integrated Resource Management.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve new contracts with **Habitat Contracting, Oregon Woods, and Integrated Resource Management** for **vegetation management services**. Funds for these services are budgeted for 2017. The total Environmental and Engineering Department budget for 2017 is \$9.34 Million. Funding may come from other department budgets as projects are identified and will be budgeted for annually, as needed.

SIGNATURES:

Project Coordinator: _____

Manager: _____

Purchasing Supervisor: _____

Executive Officer: _____

Board Approval Date: _____