

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new Price Agreement with DeWalch Technologies, Inc. for locking meter devices.

Board Meeting Date: 10/1/2019

Project Name/Contract #: Locking Meter Devices/ 19-083-G

Primary Contact: Tyler Nice Ext. x7419

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$1,100,000 over 5 years

Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$n/a

Invoices over last approval: \$n/a

Percentage over last approval: n/a%

Amount this Request: \$1,100,000 over 5 years

Resulting Cumulative Total: \$1,100,000 over 5 years

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Initiation to Bid

If applicable, basis for exemption: n/a

Term of Agreement: 5 years

Option to Renew? n/a

Approval for purchases "as needed" for the life of the Contract Yes No

Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 5 responses / \$360,960 – 558,574.60 (annual estimate during meter deployment years)

Selection Basis: Lowest responsive and responsible bidder

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan/Contracted Goods or Services

This contract is for ongoing purchase of locking meter devices, including locking meter rings and ring less locking devices for AMI electric meter installations. Electric meters are currently being visited monthly by meter reading staff, which currently provides regular visual inspection for tampering or damage to meter bases. With installation of AMI electric meters, assets in the field will be visited less frequently. Locking meter devices under this contract will increase security of the meters and help assure field assets are operated in a manner that is safe to the public.

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB has not had a prior contract with DeWalch Technologies.

Purchasing Process

In June 2019, EWEB issued a formal Invitation to Bid (ITB 19-083-G) for the purchase of locking meter devices. The solicitation was publicly advertised and five bids were received. DeWalch Technologies, Inc. was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, having met all bid and technical requirements.

Bidder/Proposer Information

DeWalch Technologies, Inc.
Inner-Tite
Anixter
Graybar Electric
General Pacific

Bidder/Proposer Location

Houston, TX
Holden, MA
Portland, OR
Eugene, OR
Fairview, OR

Competitive Fair Price (If less than 3 responses received)

n/a

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a Price Agreement with DeWalch Technologies, Inc. for Locking Meter Devices. Approximately \$361,000 is expected to be spent annually for the first three years of deployment. A small portion of the 2019 spending will be funded from the \$37M 2019 Electric Capital Budget, with the majority of spending funded from the \$10M 2019 Electric O&M budget. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.