

# EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a construction contract with **ML Houck Construction Company** for the Cross Street Water Main project between N. Garfield Street and the end of Foch Street in Eugene, OR

Board Meeting Date: 5/4/2021  
Project Name/Contract #: Cross Street Water Main / 21-072-PW  
Primary Contact: Rod Price Ext. 7122

### Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$402,000.00  
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0  
Invoices over last approval: \$0  
Percentage over last approval: 0%  
Amount this Request: \$402,000.00  
**Resulting Cumulative Total: \$402,000.00**

### Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid  
If applicable, basis for exemption: N/A  
Term of Agreement: One Time Purchase (Construction)  
Option to Renew? No  
Approval for purchases "as needed" for the life of the Contract Yes  No   
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): \$401,238.30 - \$576,260.00  
Selection Basis: Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder

### Narrative:

#### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB proactively addresses the aging water distribution system by replacing aging water pipelines. The goal of this program is to reduce risks associated with water main breaks and increase the reliability and performance of the overall distribution system. In accordance with recommendations in the Water Master Plan, a risk model is used to prioritize and identify pipelines for replacement. In addition, new pipelines are installed to current standards using materials and methods designed to improve the resiliency of the water system.

This project will replace approximately 2,200 lineal feet of existing 8-inch Asbestos Cement water pipelines constructed in the 1950's with new 8-inch diameter, zinc coated, ductile iron pipe. The existing pipeline has been prioritized for replacement from the risk model and also due to proximity to a high-pressure gas main that has made repairs difficult. This existing pipeline and associated services are constructed of obsolete materials prone to breakage and have experienced multiple failures. The new pipeline, services, and hydrants will be more resilient and require less maintenance.

Contracted Goods or Services

ML Houck Construction Company and their subcontractors will provide construction services to complete the installation of the Cross Street Water Main Replacement according to the project scope and design. The project is scheduled for completion in late 2021.

Prior Contract Activities

Although this is the first awarded contract with ML Houck Construction Company, EWEB staff have reviewed the minimum qualifications and called upon references. References came back favorable and EWEB is comfortable moving forward with awarding to ML Houck Construction Company.

Purchasing Process

Staff issued a formal Invitation to Bid in April 2021. Staff received 5 bids, the lowest responsive and responsible bid was received from ML Houck Construction Company of Salem, OR.

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price
ML Houck	Salem OR	\$401,238.30
Wildish	Eugene, OR	\$406,560.00
HJ Construction	Eugene, OR	\$457,010.00
Saunders Company	Newberg, OR	\$482,125.00
Pacific Excavation	Eugene, OR	\$576,260.00

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve a construction contract with ML Houck Construction Company for the Cross Street Water Main replacement. Approximately \$3.2M is allocated for main replacement work, such as this contract, in the 2021 Water Capital budget of \$20M. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.