

## **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve a contract with **JR Merit, Inc.** for Construction Services at the Trail Bridge Intake Gate.

Board Meeting Date: June 1, 2021  
Project Name/Contract #: Trail Bridge Intake Gate Refurbishment / #21-095-PW  
Primary Contact: Rod Price Ext.7122

### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount: \$264,445  
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0  
Invoices over last approval: \$0  
Percentage over last approval: 0 %  
Amount this Request: \$264,445  
**Resulting Cumulative Total:** \$264,445 (including optional items)

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid  
If applicable, basis for exemption: N/A  
Term of Agreement: October 22, 2021 final completion  
Option to Renew? No  
Approval for purchases *"as needed"* for the life of the Contract Yes  No   
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 3 – (\$173,194 to \$265,259)  
Selection Basis: Lowest responsive and responsible bid  
Narrative:

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The Trail Bridge Intake Gate is the only way to isolate the penstock and allow personnel to work within the waterway. The gate has been operating since the mid 1960's and is in need of repair. Over the next few years, the gate will frequently be used to isolate work areas for new fish passage construction and maintenance of existing facilities. In the near term, a reliable gate is needed for the safety of workers and to minimize leakage during construction. In the long term, the gate will be used for waterway maintenance tasks over the life of the Project.

### Contracted Goods or Services

The refurbishment of the Trail Bridge Intake Gate leaf and lower block includes parts and labor for replacing worn items and repairing re-used equipment. Lead abatement and a new coating is needed to protect the gate from corrosion and is relatively easy to implement while the gate is dismantled for repairs. As such, EWEB selected the optional bid item for \$91,251 for a complete new coating instead of

performing spot coating at the repair areas only.

The gate has needed very little work over the last 60 years of operation and this work will prepare the gate for another 40 years of service.

Refurbishment of the gate hoist will be a separate project coordinated with other facility outages.

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB has not had any previous direct contracts with JR Merit. JR Merit was a sub-contractor under the Wildish CM/GC contract #002-2011. They provided turbine shut-off valve installation on time and on-budget; the Wildish Guaranteed Maximum Price was \$1,756,857.

Purchasing Process

In April 2021, EWEB issued a formal Invitation to Bid for construction services to refurbish the intake gate at Trail Bridge. The solicitation was publicly advertised on ORPIN. Three (3) bids were received and JR Merit, Inc. provided the lowest bid and was deemed responsive and responsible.

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price
JR Merit	Vancouver, WA	\$173,194
Northbank	Vancouver, WA	\$197,000
Knight Construction	Deer Park, WA	\$265,259

Competitive Fair Price (If less than 3 responses received)

N/A

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve a contract with JR Merit, Inc. for construction services. For 2021, approximately \$19 million is budgeted for Type 3 capital spending and this contract value is included within the anticipated spending. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.