

## **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve two new contracts with **Habitat Contracting** and **Oregon Woods** for **Vegetation Maintenance and Enhancement Services on EWEB Owned and/or Controlled Properties in the Hydroelectric Project Boundaries within the McKenzie River Corridor**.

Board Meeting Date: April 5, 2022

Project Name/Contract #: Vegetation Management Services / 21-265-S

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**Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount: \$400,000

Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0

Invoices over last approval: \$0

Amount this Request: \$400,000

Percentage over last approval: NA

Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$400,000 (Over 5 years between two contracts)**

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid

If applicable, basis for exemption: NA

Term of Agreement: 5 years

Option to Renew? No

Approval for purchases *"as needed"*

for the life of the Contract: Yes ☐ No ☒

Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 5 – (\$32,000 - \$363,200)

Selection Basis: Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder

Narrative:

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB requires vegetation management services for various FERC required vegetation management projects on EWEB owned and/or operated properties. 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 and can include restoration and cleanup from storms, fire and other natural disasters. Whereas a portion of this work is budgeted in the Environmental department, many of these required projects are associated with Generation and other department budgets. The intent of the solicitation is to identify two vendors who are fully equipped to respond to a wide variety of potentially time-critical work in support of Generation. Preference in assigning work will be given to the vendor with the particular skills/equipment required. If both vendors have the required experience and equipment, then preference will be given to the vendor with the lower cost and the needed availability.

### Contracted Goods or Services

Vegetation maintenance and enhancement primarily using power equipment, such as, but not limited to weed-

eaters, chainsaws, brush hogs and hand tools as agreed upon by EWEB's Environmental Specialist (ES). This work will be performed on the hydroelectric project boundaries within the McKenzie River corridor. Work will be assigned on an emergent basis. EWEB and the Contractor will coordinate the staffing plan, and project schedule prior to the work being performed. This Contract is to replace Contract 001-2017 that expires in April of 2022.

#### Purchasing Process

In March of 2022, Staff issued a Formal Invitation to Bid for Vegetation Management Services in the EWEB McKenzie Corridor. This solicitation was advertised on the OregonBuys website, and five (5) bids were received. Habitat Contracting and Oregon Woods were deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidders.

#### Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price	Ranking (for RFPs)
Oregon Woods	Eugene, OR	\$32,000 per 800 hours of work	NA
Habitat Contracting	Eugene, OR	\$36,000 per 800 hours of work	NA
Integrated Resource Management	Philomath, OR	\$53,048 per 800 hours of work	NA
Ash Creek Forest Management	Tigard, OR	\$87,000 per 800 hours of work	NA
Brink's Land Management	Pleasant Hill, OR	\$363,200 per 800 hours of work	NA

#### Prior Contract Activities – Oregon Woods

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approval Date	Project Duration (Notice to proceed to close out).	Original Contract Amount	Final Contract Amount
001-2017	Vegetation Management Services	4/4/17	4/15/17-4/14/2022	\$400,000	\$500,000
020-2018	Vegetation Management Leaburg and Walterville Canals	5/1/2018	5/1/2018-current	\$275,000	\$275,000
21-131-S	Vegetation Maintenance and Irrigation Holiday Farm Fire Restoration	NA	7/29/21-12/31/2022	\$80,052	\$80,052

#### Prior Contract Activities – Habitat Contracting

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approval Date	Project Duration (Notice to proceed to close out).	Original Contract Amount	Final Contract Amount
001-2017	Vegetation Management Services	4/4/17	4/15/17-4/14/2022	\$400,000	\$500,000
019-2018	Vegetation Management Leaburg and Walterville Canals	5/1/2018	5/1/2018-current	\$275,000	\$275,000
21-131-S	Vegetation Maintenance and Irrigation Holiday Farm Fire Restoration	NA	7/29/21-12/31/2022	\$48,020	\$48,020

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve two new Contracts with Habitat Contracting and Oregon Woods for vegetation maintenance and enhancement services on EWEB owned and/or controlled properties in the hydroelectric project boundaries within the McKenzie River corridor. Approximately \$190,000 was planned for these services in the Environmental Management department 2022 budget of \$1.8 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.