

## **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Cooperative Contracts*

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of a cooperative contract for the **Purchase of a Hydraulic Excavator with Pape Machinery (John Deere dealer)**.

Board Meeting Date: June 7, 2022  
Project Name/Contract #: Hydraulic Excavator / 032119-JDC  
Primary Contact: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153  
**Expected Spend: \$241,000 (one time purchase)**

### Narrative:

The Board is being asked to authorize the use of the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract 032119-JDC with John Deere for the purchase of a hydraulic excavator through an authorized John Deere dealer, Pape Machinery. Like other cooperative programs, this Sourcewell contract leverages the purchasing power of public entities across the country to deliver competitive pricing and sourced contracts to public entities like EWEB. This Sourcewell contract offers discounts ranging 20-44% off published list prices.

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB requires the use of specialized earthmoving equipment for use by the Water Construction Crews for building and maintaining water system infrastructure. As excavators have become more sophisticated and versatile, their design provides a greater range of motion and are safer to use in confined workspaces. With a useful service life of 15 to 18 years, this unit will replace an excavator that is over 17 years old. Where the utility would normally keep using this excavator for another year, the utility is now renting excavators with rubber tracks to perform our work to avoid damage to surfaces from use of steel track earth moving equipment. EWEB staff has determined that it will be more cost effective to replace this old piece of equipment than it would be to replace the tracks with rubber tracks.

Sourcewell is a local government unit from the state of Minnesota that assists public agencies to contract more efficiently than as an individual entity. They establish competitively awarded cooperative purchasing contracts on behalf of itself and its participating agencies, including EWEB. Sourcewell follows the competitive contracting law process to solicit, evaluate, and award contracts for goods and services which facilitates the public procurement process and leverages governmental agencies purchasing power.

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board authorize the use of a cooperative contract for the Purchase of a Hydraulic Excavator with Pape Machinery (John Deere dealer). Approximately \$628,000 was planned for these goods in the Water Division Type 1 2022 Capital budget of \$10 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.