

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Davey Tree Surgery Company** for **Utility Line Clearance services**.

Board Meeting Date: April 4, 2023
Project Name/Contract #: Utility Line Clearance Services – 8 Crew / Contract 23-005-S
Manager: Tyler Nice Ext.7419
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext.7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$7,000,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$7,000,000
% Increase over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$7,000,000 (Over 2 years)**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Request for Proposal
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA
Term of Agreement: May 1, 2023 through May 1, 2025 (expected)
Option to Renew? Yes. Intent is 2-year term, but can be extended if required
Approval for purchases “as needed”: Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 6 - \$3,395,130 - \$8,914,750
Selection Basis: Highest Ranked Proposer
Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The PUC requires EWEB to perform utility line tree trimming to maintain clearance around its distribution and transmission lines. This is also an important component of safety and reliability of service directly in support of Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness. Electric Operations requires the services of a qualified utility line clearance, tree pruning, and vegetation debris removal contractor to maintain the areas around energized power lines.

Contracted Goods or Services

This Contract is for eight crews to provide utility line clearance services that include: tree pruning, removal, and stump grinding along EWEB transmission and distribution power lines on an ongoing regular basis and during emergency situations. EWEB currently contracts with Wright Tree Services for 8 crews and West Lane Tree Trimming Services for 3 crews. This contract will replace the resources provided by Wright Tree Services, and EWEB will retain the West Lane contract as is.

Purchasing Process

Purchasing staff issued a request for proposal (RFP) in February 2023. The RFP was advertised on the State of Oregon’s procurement website, OregonBuys. Criteria for scoring included: ability and capability to perform the services (15%); proposer’s past experience (25%); proposer’s supervisor & assistant supervisor’s past experience (10%); quality assurance/safety (10%); equipment (10%); and sustainability (5%); and pricing (25%). Davey Tree Surgery Company was selected as the highest ranked, responsive, and responsible proposer.

Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price (based on 1 year of services)	Ranking (for RFPs)
Arbor Pros LLC	Reno, NV	\$3,827,900	4
ArborWorks, LLC	Oakhurst, NV	\$4,933,565	5
Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC	Sherwood, OR	\$3,395,130	2
Davey Tree Surgery Company	Livermore, CA	\$3,452,585	1
O’Malley Brothers Corp	Gresham, OR	\$8,914,750	6
Wright Tree Service, Inc.	Des Moines, IA	\$3,534,640	3

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB has had no prior Contracts with Davey Tree Surgery Company.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a new contract with Davey Tree Surgery Company for Utility Line Clearance Services. Approximately \$5 million was planned for tree services in the 2023 Electric O&M budget of \$307.7 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.