

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Brenntag Pacific, Inc.** for the **Purchase of Solar Salt for Sodium Hypochlorite Generation.**

Board Meeting Date: June 6, 2023
Project Name/Contract #: Solar Salt / 23-059-G
Manager: Mike Masters Ext. 7549
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$300,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$300,000
% Increase over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$300,000 (Over 5.5 years)**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid (ITB)
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA
Term of Agreement: 5.5 years (June 7, 2023 – February 28, 2029)
Option to Renew? No
Approval for purchases “as needed”: Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 3 (\$305.45 to \$370.00 per dry short ton)
Selection Basis: Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder
Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The onsite generation process for sodium hypochlorite requires approximately 175 dry short tons of solar salt, per year. Sodium hypochlorite is used to disinfect water. EWEB’s Water Filtration Plant maintains a 0.70 free chlorine residual at the point of entry to the distribution system using sodium hypochlorite. The practice meets the water quality standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR Part 141 Subpart P) and the Oregon Health Authority (OAR 333-061).

Contracted Goods or Services

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with Brenntag Pacific, Inc. of Sante Fe Springs, California for the purchase of Solar Salt, used in the production of Sodium Hypochlorite at the EWEB Hayden Bridge Water Filtration Plant, on an as-needed basis. The overall contract cost estimate is based on historical and estimated usage. Purchases will be based on need and not on any specific annual quantity. The annual cost will be within the amount budgeted for that specific year.

Purchasing Process

This solicitation was advertised on the OregonBuys website for three weeks, and three bids were received. Brenntag Pacific, Inc. was deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price (per Dry Short Ton)
Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	Sante Fe Springs, CA	\$305.45
Univar Solutions USA	Portland, OR	\$347.00
Cascade Columbia Distribution, Co.	Seattle, WA	\$370.00

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB does not presently have a business history with Brenntag Pacific, Inc. As such, staff has reached out to references, provided by Brenntag Pacific, Inc., and have confirmed contract viability.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a contract with Brenntag Pacific, Inc. for the purchase of Solar Salt. Approximately \$65,000 was planned for these goods in the 2023 Water Production budget of \$4.3 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.