

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **Historical Research Associates, Inc.** for **Cultural Resource Studies and Technical Support for the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project.**

Board Meeting Date: March 5, 2024
Project Name/Contract #: Cultural Resource Studies and Technical Support / 24-002-Q
Manager: Lisa Krentz Ext. 7408
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount: \$400,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0
Spend over last approval: \$0
Amount this Request: \$400,000
% Increase over last approval: NA
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$400,000 (over 5 years)**

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation: Formal Request for Proposals (RFP)
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA
Term of Agreement: 5-Years (May 9, 2024 – June 30, 2029)
Option to Renew? No
Approval for purchases “as needed”: Yes No
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 3 (\$378,000 to \$400,000)
Selection Basis: Highest Ranked Proposer
Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

Managing EWEB-owned and managed properties associated with the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project in compliance with FERC License requirements directly aligns with the Strategic Plan initiatives related to cost improvement and safe and reliable delivery of services as well as Organizational Goal #2 Compliance Adherence.

Contracted Goods or Services

This firm will provide technical consulting services that support FERC required protections of cultural and historic resources as required in the Carmen-Smith Historic Properties Management Plan, Manual for Built Resources, including performing cultural and historic surveys and documentation, site or project monitoring, developing technical studies and reports, and providing recommendations related to cultural resource protection.

Purchasing Process

EWEB issued RFP 24-002-Q on January 2, 2024. The RFP responses were opened on February 1, 2024, and reviewed by staff. Proposers were required to demonstrate relevant experience in cultural resource services, archaeological field investigations and history preservation. Three (3) responses were received from the firms shown below. Historical Research Associates, Inc. was determined to be the most qualified and responsive bid.

Proposals Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price	Ranking (for RFPs)
Historical Research Associates, Inc. (HRA)	Missoula, Montana	\$400K for 5-years	1
SWA Environmental Consultants	Portland, Oregon	\$378K for 5-years	2
ASM Affiliates	Eugene, Oregon	Elected Not To Submit A Pricing Proposal	3

Prior Contract Activities

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)	Reason Code
23-071-Q	College Hill Reservoir Replacement – Historic Mitigation Services	NA	April 14, 2023, to December 31, 2023	\$25,000	\$25,000	
22-030-PSC	Cultural Research Studies	NA	February 11, 2022, to December 31, 2024	\$125,000	\$125,000	
011-2019-Q	Cultural Resource Studies & Technical Support for Carmen-Smith	May 7, 2019	May 9, 2019, to May 8, 2024	\$250,000	\$469,000	AW

Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other

011-2019-Q - Several required projects were added including surveys conducted at Trailbridge Reservoir while drawn down for the sinkhole investigation, decommissioning the Trailbridge Crane, the addition of the Carmen Smith Load Bank and the spillway expansion at Smith Dam.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a contract with Historical Research Associates, Inc. for Cultural Resource Studies and Technical Support for Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project. Approximately \$60,000 was planned for these services in the 2024 Carmen-Smith License Deployment budget of \$24.3 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.