

## EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **J.W. Fowler** for the **Construction of a 42-inch Water Transmission Main along East 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**. This is one of two contracts resulting from solicitation 25-009-PW.

Board Meeting Date:	May 6, 2025	
Project Name/Contract #:	Transmission Water Main Replacement E 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave / 25-009-PW-1	
Manager:	Mike Masters	Ext.7549
Executive Officer:	Karen Kelley	Ext. 7153

### Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount:	\$5,100,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$0
Amount this Request:	\$5,100,000
% Increase over last approval:	NA
Resulting Cumulative Total:	<b>\$5,100,000</b>

### Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation:	Formal Invitation to Bid (ITB)
If applicable, basis for exemption:	NA
Term of Agreement:	Completion by January 1, 2026
Option to Renew?	No
Approval for purchases “as needed”:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposals/Bids Received (Range):	3-(\$5,090,622-5,622,678)
Selection Basis:	Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder
Narrative:	

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The board is being asked to approve a construction contract for the installation of a 42-inch steel water transmission main along East 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Alder Street to Emerald Street. Project construction will start on August 1, 2025 and final completion will be on January 1, 2026.

The E 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue base level transmission improvement project was identified as a priority in the 2015 Water System Master Plan. This project will increase transmission capacity by upsizing a 16-inch pipeline to 42-inch pipeline and improve the hydraulics of the water transmission system between the College Hill/East 40<sup>th</sup> Ave tanks and EWEB’s water distribution system. This project is expected to improve water quality, stabilize system pressures in the area, improve the efficiency of the overall base level system operations, and complete improvements to a vital section of EWEB’s resilient spine. To minimize future construction costs and neighborhood impacts, this project will also include concurrently replacing the existing 16-inch distribution pipeline in 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. with new 8- and 16-inch pipelines, installing new services, and new fire Hydrants along the pipeline route.

#### Contracted Goods or Services

This contract includes a transmission main improvement project that will be constructed along E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Alder Street to Emerald Street in the City of Eugene. Work includes open trench construction of approximately 2,342 feet of 42-inch welded steel pipe, 350 feet of 8-inch ductile iron pipe and 2420 feet of 16-inch ductile iron pipe. When work is complete, the contractor will restore disturbed surfaces and repave roadways as required by the City of Eugene.

#### Purchasing Process

Staff issued a Formal Invitation to Bid in March 2025. The solicitation was publicly advertised on the State of Oregon's procurement site, OregonBuys. Three (3) bids were received, and J.W. Fowler provided the lowest responsive and responsible bid for Project 1 (23<sup>rd</sup> Ave Water Main Replacement).

#### Proposals/Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price
James W Fowler	Dallas, OR	\$5,090,622
Pacific Excavation	Eugene, OR	\$5,444,200
Emery and Sons	Salem, OR	\$5,622,678

#### Competitive Fair Price (If less than 3 responses received)

NA

#### Prior Contract Activities

We do not have prior contract experience with this Contractor, but staff contacted references and confirmed successful completion of past projects of similar scope in the last 5 years.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve a contract with J.W. Fowler for the construction of a 42-inch water transmission main along East 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Alder Street to Emerald Street. Approximately \$4.2 million was planned for these goods or services in the Water Division 2025-2026 capital budget of \$40 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** Water Capital, Type 2, Reservoir and Transmission Pipeline Budget Allocation