

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new contract with **LX International America, Inc.** for a **38 MVA Transformer**.

Board Meeting Date:	July 8, 2025
Project Name/Contract #:	38 MVA Transformer / 25-030-G
Manager:	Lisa Krentz Ext. 7450
Executive Officer:	Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount:	\$1,861,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$0
Amount this Request:	\$1,861,000
% Increase over last approval:	NA
Resulting Cumulative Total:	\$1,861,000

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation:	Formal Request for Proposals
If applicable, basis for exemption:	NA
Term of Agreement:	Completion by October 1, 2027
Option to Renew?	No
Approval for purchases "as needed":	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposals/Bids Received (Range):	7 - \$1,630,752 to \$2,738,791
Selection Basis:	Highest Ranked Proposer
Narrative:	

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

This capital improvement project is critical to sustaining the safe and reliable delivery of electricity. The existing transformer was originally installed in 1992 and has reached the end of its expected useful life as indicated by degraded oil sampling.

This transformer will have several operational benefits. A modern transformer will be safer for operation and maintenance staff. Troubleshooting will also be more efficient and effective as modern digital relays and online gas analysis will record detailed event data that can be quickly accessed. This improvement is critical to maintaining safe and reliable operations in alignment with EWEB's 2018-2028 Strategic Plan initiatives related to the safe and reliable delivery of services, as well as 2025 Organizational Goal #1 Ongoing Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness.

Contracted Goods or Services

This contract provides for the supply of a 38 MVA generator step-up transformer.

Purchasing Process

In 2025, staff issued a Formal Request for Proposals (RFP) for a 38MVA transformer. The solicitation was advertised on the State of Oregon's public procurement site, OregonBuys. Seven (7) bids were received and five (5) were deemed responsive and responsible. (Two did not meet the Minimum Qualifications.) Evaluation criteria included the following:

- Compliance with Specifications (30%)
- Compliance with EWEB Terms (20%)
- Client References (15%)
- Pricing (35%)

LX International Inc., presented by Gridlink Power Solutech Representatives, garnered the highest number of points. A factory tour was conducted as additional due diligence in consideration of the fact that this is a new contractor for EWEB.

Delivery is expected in 2027, reflecting the manufacturer's two-year lead time. This allows for the integration of current design specifications and ensures alignment with our long-term project schedule.

Proposals/Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price	Ranking (for RFPs)
LX International	Seoul, South Korea	\$1,824,443	1
Virginia Transformer	Roanoke, VA	\$1,774,382	2
Hyundai	Torrance, CA	\$1,945,000	3
WEG	Washington, MO	\$1,630,752	4
Hitachi	Crystal Springs, MS	\$1,998,234	5

Prior Contract Activities

New Contractor for EWEB

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve a contract with LX International America, Inc. for a 38 MVA transformer. Approximately \$1.86 million is planned for these goods in the Electric Utility's 2027 capital budget, which is expected to be approximately \$74 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: Electric Capital, Type 2