

## EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

### *For Cooperative Contracts*

The Board is being asked to authorize the continued use of a cooperative contract for the purchase of **Wireless Voice, Data, and Accessories** from **Verizon Wireless**.

Board Meeting Date:	July 8, 2025
Project Name/Contract #:	Verizon Purchases / NASPO MA152 Contract; OR PA-1662
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#### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount:	\$1,000,000 (EWEB Board Approved May 4, 2021 – 4-year term)
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$0
Amount this Request:	\$1,250,000
% Increase over last approval:	125%
Resulting Cumulative Total:	<b>\$2,250,000 (May 2021 through August 2029 – additional 4-year term)</b>

#### Narrative:

To support the operational and communication needs of EWEB, it is necessary to maintain reliable mobile connectivity for staff. EWEB has used a cooperative contract for purchasing Verizon's mobile devices (laptops, phones, and tablets) and associated wireless services since 2017. The Board is being asked to authorize the continued use of the NASPO cooperative contract, MA152; OR PA-1662, that has been negotiated through the National Association of State Procurement Officials for the purchase of mobile devices and associated mobile and data services. The Board authorized the use of this coop in May 2021 for a 4-year term and this request is for funds for an additional 4-year term and through the remainder of the contract (currently August 2029).

#### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

Mobile devices (e.g., smartphones, tablets, cellular enabled laptops) and associated wireless services are essential for enabling real-time communication, data access, and task execution by employees working in the field and at EWEB's remote locations. These tools are critical to maintaining operational productivity, supporting field crews, enabling the Incident Command System (ICS), and ensuring reliable communication across teams during both routine operations and emergency response. The wireless services are procured under a First Responder service plan to ensure priority network access and enhanced reliability in support of public safety and utility response functions.

#### Purchasing Process

NASPO ValuePoint is the purchasing arm of NASPO (the National Association of State Procurement Officials). NASPO cooperative contracts are competitively solicited and leverage the expertise and buying power of many states and participating entities. This contract for wireless, voice, data and accessories was awarded pursuant to Solicitation CJ21-3, which was led by the State of Utah. The State of Oregon has signed Participating Addendum 1662 with Verizon (NASPO Master Agreement No. MA152-1).

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board continue to authorize the use of this cooperative contract for Verizon mobile devices and data services with Verizon Wireless. Approximately \$220,000 was planned for these goods and services in the 2025 IS Division budget of \$12.2 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** Information Services Division O&M, Utility Services