

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve additional funds for **Construction Services at Danebo Substation** with **Wildish Building Company**.

Board Meeting Date:	September 2, 2025	
Project Name/Contract #:	Danebo Substation Foundation Construction / 25-015-PW	
Manager:	Tyler Nice	Ext. 7419
Executive Officer:	Karen Kelley	Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount:	\$676,000 (approved March 4, 2025)
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$89,101
Amount this Request:	\$192,000
% Increase over last approval:	28.4%
Resulting Cumulative Total:	\$868,000

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation:	Formal Invitation to Bid (ITB)
If applicable, basis for exemption:	NA
Term of Agreement:	Completion by April 30, 2026 (Originally August 30, 2025)
Option to Renew?	No
Approval for purchases "as needed":	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposals/Bids Received (Range):	1 - \$ 676,000
Selection Basis:	Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB plans to begin rebuilding Jessen Substation in 2026. Early load studies found that EWEB's distribution could not support backfeeding Jessen in its current state. The chosen solution was to reconfigure the 115kV bus at Danebo substation and replace one of the transformers to support this work. Work was already planned to replace one of the switchgear buildings at Danebo, so EWEB took the opportunity to combine this work into a single project to reduce overall cost and outage duration. The planned reconfiguration will provide EWEB with enhanced reliability options that will last well beyond the Jessen rebuild and will be beneficial to customers' service reliability and EWEB's future capital plans. Because of the nature of this project there is significant subgrade and foundation work that needs to be completed, which is the purpose of this contract.

Due to a delay with the switchgear manufacturer, part of the work needs to be delayed until 2026 to maintain service reliability. Delayed elements are noted in the Contracted Goods and Services below. Wildish submitted Change Order 3 which includes cost increases due to expected labor rate increases in 2026, de-mobilization and re-mobilization, and lost efficiencies due to reduced yard accessibility after foundations are constructed. Other than adding additional yard rock to be replaced, this change order does not add any scope to the contract.

Contracted Goods or Services

The contractor is responsible for the following work:

- Remove foundations and conduit for equipment no longer in use – delayed to 2026
- Construct new foundations for the following equipment:
 - 33 MVA station transformer
 - Control house
 - 115kV breaker – delayed to 2026
 - 115kV disconnect switch
 - Bus support structures (2)
 - 115kV instrument transformer stand
- Install conduit to new foundation locations as required – delayed to 2026
- Backfill station surface rock with specialized aggregate for substation use in areas disturbed by demo and construction work
 - Added scope: replace yard rock in the surrounding areas to provide uniform surface around equipment and comply with Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers best practices for substation grounding safety

Purchasing Process

On January 23, 2025, EWEB posted a formal ITB on the state of Oregon bid site, OregonBuys, as well as advertised in the Portland Daily Journal of Commerce. Two (2) bids were received from Wildish Building Company, Eugene, OR and Higher Ground Line Company of Eugene, OR. Higher Ground's bid was non-responsive as they failed to include a bid bond in time. Wildish Building Company provided a responsive and responsible bid and the Board approved the award of a contract on March 4, 2025.

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
22-060	Polk St Water Main Replacement	6/7/22	6/7/22-12/15/22	\$900,000	\$920,779	UC
22-107	Glenwood Site Access Road	8/2/22	8/8/23-11/15/22	\$261,000	\$233,449	
22-141	8 th Ave Water Main Replacement	9/6/22	9/7/23-1/15/23	\$396,000	\$428,428	UC
Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other						

ACTION REQUESTED:

Management requests the Board approve an increase to the contract with Wildish Building Company for construction services at Danebo Substation. Funds for this contract are accounted for in the 2025 Capital Plan of \$77.8 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: Electric Capital, Type 1, Danebo Substation