

## EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve a new price agreement with **Anixter, Inc.** for **Underground Separable Connectors**.

Board Meeting Date:	September 2, 2025	
Project Name/Contract #:	Underground Separable Connectors / 25-130-G	
Manager:	Tyler Nice	Ext. 7419
Executive Officer:	Karen Kelley	Ext. 7153

### Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount:	\$1,200,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$0
Amount this Request:	\$1,200,000
% Increase over last approval:	NA
Resulting Cumulative Total:	<b>\$1,200,000 (Estimated Over 5-Year Period)</b>

### Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation:	Formal Invitation to Bid (ITB)
If applicable, basis for exemption:	NA
Term of Agreement:	5-Years (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2030)
Option to Renew?	No
Approval for purchases “as needed”:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Proposals/Bids Received (Range):	2 (Lot 1: \$187,130.06 - \$212,176.65 / Lot 2: \$51,225.01 - \$56,115.98)
Selection Basis:	Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder
Narrative:	

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

This price agreement is for the ongoing purchase of underground separable connectors for use in our electric distribution system. Lot 1 contains 200 amp load break and 600 amp deadbreak molded rubber elbows and tee bodies and associated equipment. Lot 2 contains 600 amp bolted insulated bus and cold shrink cable termination connector system equipment that are used in the downtown network to provide a reliable compact cable connection with the ability to ground the cable during maintenance activities to provide a safe work environment for the line crews.

### Contracted Goods or Services

The goods to be purchased under this price agreement include a total of 29 various underground separable connector items all stocked and stored in our Warehouse for as-needed use in our electric distribution system.

Historical procurement data suggests that the total price agreement amount will be approximately \$1,200,000 (based on the unit prices) over the total five-year period. The actual total dollar amount, however, is unknown

and may be more or less than that estimated volume. Purchases will be based on need and not on any specific annual quantity. The annual cost will be within the amount budgeted for that specific year.

#### Purchasing Process

In July 2025, EWEB issued a formal Invitation to Bid (ITB 25-130-G) for underground separable connectors with the option to bid on two Lots. This solicitation was advertised on the OregonBuys website. Two (2) bids were received, and Anixter, Inc. was deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for both Lots.

#### Bids Received

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price (Lot 1)	Offered Price (Lot 2)
Anixter / Wesco, Inc.	Portland, Oregon	\$187,130.06	\$51,225.01
Border States	Hubbard, Oregon	\$212,176.65	\$56,115.98

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

Two bids were received, from Anixter, Inc. and Border States, with the Irby representative stating that they had temporarily lost access to the OregonBuys website and that they were unaware of the solicitation.

#### 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
20-110-G	Underground Separable Connectors	8/4/2020	8/26/2020 – 9/30/2025	\$680,000	\$750,000	AM
22-024-G	69kV, 115kV & 230kV Instrument Transforms for Currin Substation	4/5/2022	4/13/2022 – 4/7/2027	\$315,000	\$315,000	
22-175-G	Transformer and Secondary Connectors	1/3/2023	2/1/2023 – 1/31/2028	\$320,000	\$320,000	
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 a new price agreement with Anixter, Inc. for Underground Separable Connectors. Approximately \$235,000 was planned for these goods in the Electric Division budget of \$77.8 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** Electric O&M, Stores Materials and Supplies