

# **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve additional funds for **Electric Line Crew Services with Key Line Construction and Wilson Construction Company**.

Board Meeting Date: February 3, 2026  
Project Name/Contract #: Electric Line Crews / 23-045-S  
Manager: Tyler Nice Ext. 7419  
Executive Officer: Karen Kelley Ext. 7153

## **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount: \$5,000,000 (Board Approval 12-5-23)  
Additional \$ Previously Approved: NA  
Spend over last approval: NA  
Amount this Request: \$3,000,000  
% Increase over last approval: 60%  
Resulting Cumulative Total: **\$8,000,000 (Over 5 years between both contracts)**

## **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation: Formal ITB  
If applicable, basis for exemption: NA  
Term of Agreement: 5 Years  
Option to Renew? No  
Approval for purchases *"as needed"*: Yes  No   
Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 3 (\$895,180 - \$1,429,420)  
Selection Basis: Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder  
Narrative:

## Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

EWEB requires the services of multiple electric line crews to complete emergent overhead capital work, regulatory work required by the PUC, and emergency and storm events. Multiple contractors with EWEB system experience enable EWEB to be more responsive for critical events.

Based on historical usage from large scale events in combination with a backlog of PUC work, additional funds are required to ensure continuity of service for restoration and compliance. During recent inclement weather damage, EWEB used these contractors for larger scale equipment and restoration that is beyond internal capability, mainly large transmission work with heavy machinery. This includes the 2024 Ice Storm when extensive transmission damage occurred on the Hayden Bridge and IP transmission lines, as well as more recently with the collapse of a transmission tower due to flooding. Using these contractors reduces EWEB's need for transmission line construction specialty equipment purchases as well as the maintenance that is required for this equipment.

### Contracted Goods or Services

EWEB requires qualified services from an IBEW signatory contractor to perform installations and corrections on EWEB's overhead electric distribution system. IBEW member contractors of this type is typical and standard for line construction work.

### Purchasing Process

In November 2023, EWEB issued a Formal Invitation to Bid (ITB) for electric line crews with the potential for multiple awards to be made as a result of the solicitation process. This solicitation was advertised on OregonBuys, and bids were received from Key Line Construction, Potelco, Inc., and Wilson Construction Company. The three bids were reviewed and were deemed responsive and responsible offers. EWEB was unable to negotiate a contract with Potelco, therefore only contracts were issued to Key Line Construction and Wilson Construction Company.

### Prior Contract Activities

#### Key Line Construction

EWEB Contract	Project Name (Description)	Board Approved	Project Duration (Start to Close)	Original Amount	Approved/Amended Amount to Date (Total)	Reason Code
055-2017	Electric Line Crews -	12/5/17	12/5/17 – 4/30/23	\$1,666,666	\$1,347,806	
19-189-S	Transformer Technician Services	NA	12/11/19 – 8/31/20	\$100,000	\$112,000	AW, SD

Reason Code: AM = Additional Materials, AW = Additional Work, EW= Emergency Work, SD = Staff Directed, UC = Unforeseen Conditions, Other

#### Wilson Construction Company

EWEB did not have experience with this contractor prior to this current contract, but their performance has been positive.

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve an increase to the contracts with Key Line Construction, and Wilson Construction. Approximately \$278,000 was planned for these services in the 321 Line Construction Department 2026 O&M budget of \$1.52 million. \$1.9 million is budgeted for capital related work including emergent and planned work that is beyond EWEB's capability and is spread between future budget years over the contract term, with \$1.1 million planned for 2026 from the 2026 capital electric budget of \$89.3 million. This contract is also used for emergency services which are unknown year to year. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

**BUDGET CATEGORY:** Electric Capital and O&M (PUC and Emergency)