

EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request

For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases

The Board is being asked to approve a new master product and services agreement with **Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL)** for **Generation and Substation Communication Systems**.

Board Meeting Date:	February 3, 2026	
Project Name/Contract #:	Generation and Substation Communication Systems / 26-004-GS	
Manager:	Scott Milovich	Ext. 7408
Executive Officer:	Karen Kelley	Ext. 7153

Contract Amount:

Original Contract Amount:	\$2,500,000
Additional \$ Previously Approved:	\$0
Spend over last approval:	\$0
Amount this Request:	\$0
% Increase over last approval:	NA
Resulting Cumulative Total:	\$2,500,000 (Over 4-years)

Contracting Method:

Method of Solicitation:	Direct Negotiation
If applicable, basis for exemption:	Sole Source SS-514
Term of Agreement:	Initial term is two (2) years, with additional 2-year extensions
Option to Renew?	Yes, annually up to 4 years total
Approval for purchases "as needed":	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Proposals/Bids Received (Range):	NA
Selection Basis:	Direct Negotiation after surveying the market

Narrative:

Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

SEL products have been invaluable in maintaining communication between Generation and Substation facilities to detect and isolate system disturbances. This communications protocol/equipment is how the relays in each of the substations communicate to open breakers when power needs to be interrupted. SEL has an excellent warranty because they want to know how their equipment fails and will repair or replace equipment that has issues. The SEL equipment is the standard in the industry for performance and reliability.

The project to replace EWEBs substation teleprotection equipment became necessary as a result of GE unexpectedly discontinuing the system that EWEB had used since the late 90's. The SONET and T1 communications equipment are a critical component of substation reliability and public safety. There are no backward-compatible hardware platforms available, which means it is not possible to modify existing substations or provide new equipment when substations are rebuilt. The entire network must be replaced.

Contracted Goods or Services

A master purchase agreement will provide EWEB with the complete replacement equipment (SONET and T1

channel bank system), factory configured and tested before being shipped to EWEB. EWEB Communication and Controls technicians will perform the installation and provide acceptance testing along with EWEB's Relay technicians. SEL will provide initial training and remote technical support for as long as the equipment is in operation.

A master purchase agreement will also allow future orders on protective relays used in Substation and Generation facilities, substation remote terminal units (RTU) that are used for indication/control of substations for EWEB's Dispatch Center, communications equipment for protective relays, and miscellaneous communication cables.

Peak Measure, the authorized distributor, will serve as a Value-Added Reseller (VAR) for these purchases with SEL.

Purchasing Process

In October 2025, staff entered into discussions with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories to determine the scope of goods and services required for a complete replacement of the now discontinued GE JMUX and T1MX teleprotection equipment. Upon further review of past orders with SEL, and discussions with department leads, it was determined that it would be beneficial for EWEB to enter into a master goods and services agreement to cover all the products and services SEL provides as it extends to Generation and Substation facilities.

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
PO 43727	Upgraded RTACs for CP and TB Plant	NA	9/23/25 – 11/24/25	\$11,135	\$11,135	
PO 43427	Spare Parts from SEL for JMUX	NA	9/15/25 – 11/3/25	\$10,741	\$10,741	
PO 41374	SEL Comm Parts for Danebo Substation Project	NA	3/19/25 – 4/28/25	\$29,040	\$29,040	
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 master product and services agreement with Schweizer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) for Generation and Substation Communication Systems. Approximately \$1.3 million was planned for these goods and services in the 2026 Electric Telecom Capital budget of \$3.2 million. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

BUDGET CATEGORY: Electric Telecom Capital, Type 2, JMUX Replacement

**RESOLUTION NO. 2606
FEBRUARY 2026**

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND OUTSIDE LIAISONS**

WHEREAS, Board Policy GP12 provides for the use of committees, outside appointments, and liaisons to staff work as a means of gathering and disseminating information, representing the Board, and providing preliminary input to Board decisions; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy GP12 further states that all committees, outside appointments, and liaisons be created by resolution and that all appointments to said committees, outside appointments, and liaisons be made via resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board met on January 6, 2026, and discussed potential appointments to outside organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eugene Water & Electric Board appoints the stipulated individuals to the following appointments and liaisons for the year 2026 or as otherwise indicated.

Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) - Provides coordination among Lane County governmental agencies. Term of organization is ongoing. Term of appointment is annual, and Tim Morris is the primary appointee with Sonya Carlson as the alternate.

McKenzie Watershed Council - Fosters better stewardship of the McKenzie Watershed resources through voluntary partnerships and collaboration. Term of organization is ongoing. Term of appointment is annual, and John Barofsky is the primary appointee with John Brown as alternate.

McKenzie Watershed Alliance Executive Board - is the 501c3 that oversees the McKenzie Watershed Council. The board is responsible for matters such as reviewing contracts and grants, and supervision of the Executive Director. The board position may be filled by an EWEB Commissioner or EWEB staff member. Term of organization is ongoing. Term of appointment is annual, and designated EWEB staff is primary appointee with no designated Commissioner alternate for staff support.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) - A Commissioner is not a voting member of the Section 115 Trust that has been set up to oversee EWEB contributions to the trust, the investment of funds, and measurement of the unfunded liabilities of the retiree medical plan. Term of appointment is ongoing, and John Brown is the appointee.

Springfield Utility Board (SUB) - EWEB is interested in partnering with SUB to build a long-term resilient approach to managing multiple water sources in the metropolitan area. The SUB liaison will assist the General Manager with the

exploration of strategic water opportunities. Term of assignment is ongoing, term of appointment is annual, and Mindy Schlossberg is the primary appointee with no designated commissioner as alternate.

Lane Electric Cooperative – The liaison will partner with the General Manager on future discussions and collaboration with Lane Electric Cooperative. Term of assignment is ongoing, term of appointment is annual, and John Brown is the primary appointee with no designated commissioner as alternate.

City of Eugene – The liaison role is between EWEB and the City of Eugene Leadership on areas of mutual interest. It is the Board's desire to partner and exchange information with the City of Eugene on a variety of matters, including but not limited to EWEB's role in decarbonization, resiliency, and emergency preparedness. The liaisons will collaborate with the City of Eugene leadership and provide the Board periodic reports on discussions with the City of Eugene. The term of assignment is ongoing, the term of appointment is annual, and John Brown and Sonya Carlson are the appointees.

City of Springfield - It is the Board's desire to foster a long-term partnership with the City of Springfield Leadership as we improve water resiliency for our connected communities through a second water source on the Willamette River, as well as other potential projects. The liaison will collaborate with the City of Springfield leadership and provide the Board periodic reports on discussions with the City of Springfield. Term of assignment is ongoing, term of appointment is annual, and John Brown is the primary appointee with Tim Morris as the alternate.

Changes in these assignments may be made at the direction of the Board.

Dated this 3rd day of February 2026

THE CITY OF EUGENE, OREGON
Acting by and through the
Eugene Water & Electric Board

President

I, ANNE M. KAH, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Assistant Secretary of the Eugene Water & Electric Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board at its February 3, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

Assistant Secretary