



**Contract and Award Letter
Purchase Resolution – Exhibit “A”**

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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COPY: City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and
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SUBJECT: Stormwater Sewer Replacements in Various Areas – North I Street, South 50th
Street, South 42nd Street – Request for Bids Specification No. ES25-0114F,
Contract No. CW2276314 – August 26, 2025 City Council
DATE: July 23, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY: The Environmental Services Department (ES) recommends a contract be awarded to Northwest Cascade, Inc., Puyallup, WA, in the amount of \$976,976.00, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a projected contract amount of \$1,172,371.20 plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the ES Stormwater Fund 4301, for the replacement of stormwater mains in various locations in Tacoma.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.

BACKGROUND: This project will replace approximately 1,000 linear feet of stormwater sewer mains at three locations, North I St., Cushman Avenue, and South 50th Street, within the City of Tacoma and includes minor street restoration and curb ramp installation.

ISSUE: The underground stormwater mains at these various locations, originally constructed around 1910, have exceeded their expected design life and are at risk of failure. Failure of these pipes may cause flooding and other negative impacts to neighboring properties.

ALTERNATIVES: One alternative is to take no action and accept the risk of pipe failures, which could result in ponding or flooding during storm events negatively impacting neighboring properties.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Request for Bids Specification No. ES25-0114F was opened July 1, 2025. Six hundred and sixteen companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Three submittals were received.

Northwest Cascade, Inc. submitted a bid that resulted in the lowest evaluated submittal after consideration of Equity in Contracting (EIC) participation goals. The table below reflects the amount of the base award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
Northwest Cascade Inc.	Puyallup, WA	\$976,976.00
Harkness Construction LLC.	Enumclaw, WA	\$1,557,826.00
Raudenbush Earthworks LLC	Rainier, WA	\$932,083.00

*Bidder deemed non-responsive for failing to complete all required documents.



Pre-bid Estimate: \$1,302,606.00

The recommended award is 25 percent below the pre-bid estimate.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: Replacement of the aging pipes will reduce the risk of failure, thereby reducing the potential for ponding or flooding of neighboring properties.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: The recommended contractor is in compliance with the EIC requirements per memorandum dated July 14, 2025. The EIC requirements for this project are 20 percent MBE, 18 percent WBE, and 20 percent SBE. The EIC utilization levels of the recommended contractor, Northwest Cascade, Inc., are 20.3 percent MBE, 20.3 percent WBE, and 20.3 percent SBE.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP)
COMPLIANCE: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4301 ES Stormwater Fund	ENV-03033-10-04	5330100	\$1,172,371.20
TOTAL			Up to \$1,172,371.20

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4301 ES Stormwater Fund	529700	6310010	(\$1,172,371.20)
TOTAL			Up to (\$1,172,371.20)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$1,172,371.20 plus applicable sales tax.

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes.

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A