



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

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge B-E Consultant Support
Services
Request for Qualifications Specification No. PW22-0320F / Contract No.
CW2266605 – May 13, 2025, City Council
DATE: April 10, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY: The Public Works Department recommends a contract be awarded to H.W. Lochner, Inc., Chicago, IL, in the amount of \$8,985,230, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the 1060 Transportation Capital Fund, for an initial contract term of five years with the option to renew for two additional two-year periods, for preliminary data gathering, environmental permitting, best delivery method, and design work up to 30 percent to replace the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge spans B through E.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.

The project will initiate the improvement of the City’s roadway network which will reconnect a severed arterial. The project will reopen emergency service, bus and freight routes currently detoured by the closed structure.

BACKGROUND: The Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge B-E is located just north of Interstate 5 and supports Fishing Wars Memorial Corridor between downtown Tacoma and Fife. Significant portions of the bridge are aging and in need of replacement, except for the western third of the bridge which was replaced in 2019. On October 20, 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provided formal notice to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) regarding non-compliance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) for the City of Tacoma Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge. The letter called for the immediate closure of the bridge. This closure was in response to identifiable safety issues and structural deficiencies that pose a risk to public safety.

ISSUE: The Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge is approximately 100 years old and reaching the end of its useful lifespan. Work to begin its replacement is necessary to ensure the bridge can remain a viable major arterial within the City of Tacoma. This contract will utilize grant funding to take design of a replacement to the 30 percent level, start permitting and provide better construction cost assurance. This work will better position the project to apply for federal grants to complete the design and replace the structure.

ALTERNATIVES: The City could leave the bridge closed and not pursue its replacement. This would remove an access road into and out of the Port of Tacoma and increase traffic demands on the remaining crossings over the Puyallup River.



COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Specification No. PW22-0320F was opened April 9, 2024. One-hundred and seventeen companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Two submittals were received.

H.W. Lochner, Inc. submitted a bid that resulted in the highest evaluated submittal. The table below reflects the scoring of the review committee.

<u>Respondent</u> (RFQ)	<u>Location</u>	<u>Score</u>
H.W. Lochner, Inc.	Chicago, IL	169.8
David Evans and Associates, Inc.	Portland, OR	164.8

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: The project will improve the City's infrastructure and safety of residents by replacing an aging and deteriorating structure. ADA improvements will be made as part of the design addressing social equity factors, including mobility, as well as ergonomic and human health impacts.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable - includes federal funding (federal programs supersede EIC program)

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

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE): The recommended contract is in compliance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, per memorandum dated March 19, 2025. The DBE goal for this project is 19 percent, and the DBE participation is 19.03 percent.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
1060 Transportation Capital Fund	PWK-G0058-01-02	5310100	\$8,985,230
TOTAL			Up to \$8,985,230

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
FHWA Bridge Replacement Grant	PWK-G0058-FS04	4333240	(\$8,460,000)
General Fund	PWK-G0058-FS-02	6311010	(\$500,000)
Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)	PWK-G0058-FS-02	6311102	(\$25,230)
TOTAL			Up to (\$8,985,230)



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FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$8,985,230

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

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