



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

**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
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City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and  
Stan Rowden II, Senior Buyer, Finance/Procurement  
**SUBJECT:** Wastewater and Stormwater Sewer Replacement Project – Tacoma Landfill and  
North Tacoma Avenue – Request for Bids Specification No. ES24-0301F,  
Contract No. CW2274740 – July 1, 2025, City Council  
**DATE:** June 12, 2025

Initial Initial DS  
KF GMS RC

**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:** The Environmental Services Department (ES) recommends a contract be awarded to Northwest Cascade, Inc, Puyallup, WA, in the amount of \$1,072,421.00, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a projected contract amount of \$1,286,905.20, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the ES Wastewater Fund 4300, ES Stormwater Fund 4301, ES Solid Waste Fund 4200, and Public Works (PW) Streets Initiative Fund 1085, for utility and roadway improvements 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.

This project supports these priorities by reducing the risk of wastewater sewer overflows and stormwater flooding which can present a hazard to residents and the environment, and by providing roadway improvements that will enhance the City’s goals for safe bicycle access. The improvements at the Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center (TRTC) will replace aging wastewater sewers, reduce the risk of wastewater pipes rupturing within the closed landfill, and provide environmentally responsible stewardship of the facility.

**BACKGROUND:** This project will replace approximately 1,300 linear feet of wastewater sewers and 300 linear feet of stormwater sewers. In partnership with the Public Works Department, this project will also provide additional street restoration on North Tacoma Avenue.

**ISSUE:** The underground wastewater sewer mains at each project location are reaching the end of their design life and are at risk of failure. Failure of these sewer pipes would have detrimental environmental and safety impacts from untreated wastewater entering Puget Sound or adjacent properties. Additionally, failure of wastewater and stormwater sewers at the TRTC could undermine the integrity of the existing closed landfill system and disrupt the safety and operations of the facility.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Taking no action would increase the City’s risk of untreated wastewater overflowing into the Puget Sound, neighboring properties, or into the closed landfill if these pipes were to fail as well as localized stormwater flooding.



**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:** Request for Bids Specification No. ES24-0301F was opened May 6, 2025. Three hundred and ninety-four companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Two 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>
<b>Northwest Cascade, Inc</b> Active Construction, Inc.	<b>Puyallup, WA</b> Tacoma, WA	<b>\$1,072,421.00</b> \$1,109,109.00

Pre-bid Estimate: \$860,000.00

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

**CONTRACT HISTORY:** New contract.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Replacing these pipes will reduce the risk of failure, thereby reducing the potential for discharge of untreated wastewater into the Puget Sound or onto neighboring properties, resulting in positive environmental impacts.

**EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE:** The recommended contractor is in compliance with the EIC requirements per memorandum dated May 14, 2025. The EIC requirement for this project is a combined 20 percent and allows contractors to utilize any combination of MBE, WBE, and SBE contractors to meet the overall requirement. The EIC utilization levels of the recommended contractor, Northwest Cascade, Inc., are 8.2 percent for MBE, 8.2 percent for WBE, and 8.2 percent for SBE, for a combined 24.6 percent.

**LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE:** The LEAP requirement for this project is 15 percent of the project labor hours must be worked by Local Employees, per TMC 1.90.040.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

<b>FUND NUMBER &amp; FUND NAME</b>	<b>COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)</b>	<b>COST ELEMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
4200 ES Solid Waste Fund	ENV-02013-02-04	5330100	\$266,823.60
4301 ES Stormwater Fund	ENV-03034-04-04	5330100	\$192,568.32
4300 ES Wastewater Fund	ENV-04022-24-04	5330100	\$772,705.68
1085 PW Streets Initiative Fund	PWK-00438-49-03	5330100	\$54,807.60
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$1,286,905.20</b>



**REVENUES:**

<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>	<b>COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)</b>	<b>COST ELEMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>
4200 ES Solid Waste Fund	515200	6310010	(\$266,823.60)
4301 ES Stormwater Fund	529700	6310010	(\$192,568.32)
4300 ES Wastewater Fund	524700	6310010	(\$772,705.68)
1085 PW Streets Initiative Fund	663020	Various	(\$54,807.60)
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to (\$1,286,905.20)</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET:** \$1,286,905.20, 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