



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

**TO:** Board of Contracts and Awards  
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**COPIES:** City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and  
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**SUBJECT:** North End Treatment Plant Trickling Filter Upgrade  
 Request for Bids Specification No. ES25-0058F, Contract No. CW2281127  
 – May 12, 2026 City Council  
**DATE:** March 25, 2026

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**RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:** The Environmental Services Department (ES) recommends awarding a contract to McClure & Sons, Inc, Mill Creek, WA, in the amount of \$24,145,313.00, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a projected contract amount of \$28,974,375.60, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the ES Wastewater Fund 4300, for construction of the North End Treatment Plant (NETP) Trickling Filter upgrade.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

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

Constructing a new trickling filter treatment process at the NETP supports these priorities by replacing old infrastructure and ensuring proper wastewater treatment to protect the water quality of the Puget Sound in compliance with Department of Ecology permit regulations.

**BACKGROUND:** The NETP, located in North Tacoma on the Ruston Way shoreline, was originally constructed in the 1960’s and provides wastewater treatment for a large area of North Tacoma and the town of Ruston. This project includes the construction of a new 50-foot tall by 60-foot diameter trickling filter structure, mechanical and electrical equipment upgrades, expansion of the existing disinfection contact basin, and various site improvements at the NETP.

**ISSUE:** The trickling filter is an essential component of the NETP’s wastewater treatment process providing the second stage of contaminant removal that allows the NETP to reliably meet its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit regulations. The filter media in the existing trickling filter is at the end of its service life and in need of replacement. Currently, any replacement of media requires a shutdown of the existing system which has no redundancy and places the NETP out of permit compliance. A thorough engineering study was conducted to examine costs and constructability issues to either provide a temporary secondary treatment solution to allow for renovation of the existing trickling filter or construct a new second trickling filter which would provide future redundancy when either trickling filter is due for maintenance. Constructing a second permanent trickling filter and providing future redundancy was determined to be the most long-term cost effective and feasible solution.

In addition, the current disinfection system provides chemical treatment to the plant effluent that allows the NETP to comply with the NPDES permit regulations. As part of the Re-Rating Study Report submitted to the Department of Ecology, it was determined that an upgrade is required to



meet the projected flow rates beyond 2050. This will include the addition of a dichlorination system, which will remove residual chlorine that is harmful to the aquatic life in Puget Sound.

ALTERNATIVES: An alternative to performing this project is to take no action, which places the City at risk of not meeting NPDES permit regulations in the future.

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:**

Request for Bids Specification No. ES25-0058F was opened February 17, 2026. Three hundred thirty-seven companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Four submittals were received.

McClure & Sons, Inc submitted a bid that resulted in the preferred evaluated submittal after consideration of project costs and the level of effort shown to meet EIC requirements. The table below reflects the amount of the base award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Submittal Amount</u>
<b>McClure &amp; Sons, Inc</b>	<b>Mill Creek, WA</b>	<b>\$24,145,313.00</b>
Prospect Construction, Inc.*	Puyallup, WA	\$23,304,103.00
Shimmick Construction Company, Inc.	Suisun City, CA	\$29,493,000.00
Stellar J Corporation	Woodland, WA	\$34,399,403.43

\*Bidder deemed non-responsible for failing to meet EIC requirements.

Pre-bid Estimate: \$25,000,000.00

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

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: The proposed project was selected in accordance with the Environmental Services Wastewater Comprehensive Plan, which includes design criteria that reflects the projected demands of 2040. The performance of the wastewater treatment plant has a direct impact on the water quality of Commencement Bay.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: The EIC requirements for this project are 20 percent MBE, 16 percent WBE and 20 percent SBE. The EIC utilization levels of the recommended contractor, McClure & Sons, Inc, are 6.80 percent MBE, 4.21 percent WBE, and 12.08 percent SBE.

Environmental Services and the EIC Office recommended a Waiver Request to award to the second low bidder, McClure & Sons, Inc, because the proposal exhibits a reasonable level of diverse business participation on a project of this magnitude, while providing a significant cost savings to ratepayers. The Waiver Request was approved by the City Manager on March 17, 2026.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE: The LEAP requirements for this project are 15 percent of the project labor hours



must be worked by Local Employees and an additional 15 percent of the labor hours must be worked by Apprentices, per TMC 1.90.040.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4300 ES Wastewater Fund	ENV-04016-08-04	5330100	\$28,974,375.60
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to \$28,974,375.60</b>

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
4300 ES Wastewater Fund	524700	6310010	(\$28,974,375.60)
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Up to (\$28,974,375.60)</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$28,974,375.60**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes.**

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