



**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
Stan Rowden II, Senior Buyer, Finance/Procurement
SUBJECT: 2026-2030 Moveable Bridge O&M
Request for Proposals Specification No. PW25-0258F, Contract No. CW2281281
– June 9, 2026 City Council
DATE: May 5, 2026

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

Public Works Engineering recommends awarding a contract to Orion Marine Contractors, Inc., Tacoma, WA, in the amount of \$4,478,600, plus a 20 percent contingency, budgeted from the Public Works Street Fund 1065, for an initial contract term of three years with the option to renew for an additional one-year period, for a projected contract total of \$5,374,320, plus applicable taxes for operating and maintaining the Hylebos and Murray Morgan moveable bridges.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.

This contract will provide an experienced licensed contractor to operate and maintain the two moveable bridges for the safety and accessibility of all transportation modes, include access into the Port of Tacoma area which houses numerous jobs across various industries.

BACKGROUND: The Murray Morgan and Hylebos bridges require operators to open the bridges for shipping traffic. The bridges also require frequent maintenance and repairs to provide quality operation for the traveling public. This contract will allow Orion Marine Contractors, Inc. to provide these services over the next four years.

The Murray Morgan Bridge is staffed on an on-call basis and typically has approximately 15 openings each month. The Hylebos Bridge is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and has approximately 360 openings each month. In addition to staffing, maintenance tasks include daily, weekly, quarterly, semi-annual, and annual maintenance.

ISSUE: The purpose of this Moveable Bridge Operation and Maintenance contract is to provide personnel to operate and maintain the City's two moveable bridges. As an owner of a movable bridge on an active shipping channel, there are required activities to be met as outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations as well as United States Coast Guard Regulations. The selected contractor would ensure the City meets these rules and regulations.

ALTERNATIVES: The City could choose to not approve this contract. This option would require City staff to operate and maintain the Murray Morgan and Hylebos bridges or the closure of the bridges to vehicular traffic with the bridges remaining in the open position to facilitate shipping. City staff would be required to operate the bridges in accordance with the Code of Federal



Regulations and the United States Coast Guard Regulations. Failure to operate these bridges per these guidelines may subject the City to potential fines and lawsuits. Current staff lacks the training and expertise in marine repair to adequately operate and maintain these two bridges.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:

Request of Proposals Specification No. PW25-0258F was opened March 3, 2026. One hundred six companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Two submittals were received.

Orion Marine Contractors, Inc., submitted a bid that resulted in the highest scored submittal.

<u>Respondent</u> (RFP)	<u>Location</u>	<u>Score</u>
Orion Marine Contractors, Inc.	Tacoma, WA	276
Combined Construction, Inc.	Mukilteo, WA	180

Pre-bid Estimate: \$4,752,000

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

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: The sustainability of current assets was considered, as regular maintenance of bridges increases the longevity of the bridge.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable - EIC Exception: Lack of certified contractors

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
1065 PW Street Fund	60000043500	5320100	\$4,428,000
1065 PW Street Fund	60000043501	5320100	\$50,600
1065 PW Street Fund	Various	5320100	\$895,720
TOTAL			Up to \$5,374,320

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (MVFT)	662420	6311067	(\$5,374,320)
TOTAL			Up to (\$5,374,320)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: THE IMPACT TO THE 2025-2026 BUDGET IS \$854,920. THE REST WILL BE SPENT IN FUTURE BIENNIUMS.

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? YES

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