

# WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ITEM SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**TO:** Members of the Board of Trustees

**FROM:** President Sabah Randhawa by:  
Vice President Joyce Lopes, Business and Financial Affairs

**DATE:** December 8, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **University Residences Commons Generator Upgrades, PW789**

**PURPOSE:** Action Item

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## **Purpose of Submittal:**

Award a construction contract for the University Residences Commons Generator Upgrades, PW789. Award of the construction contract will follow Board of Trustees action. Construction is projected to start in January 2024.

## **Proposed Motion:**

MOVED that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, award a contract to Dutton Electric Company, Inc., Lynnwood, WA, in the amount of \$1,000,040 (plus associated sales tax) for the construction contract for new generator systems for multiple university commons buildings.

## **Supporting Information:**

This project will provide new generators and backup power distribution systems to support kitchen operations during a loss of utility power at Ridgeway Commons and Viking Commons, as well as expanding the existing backup power distribution system at Fairhaven Commons.

This project was advertised for competitive bidding on October 11, 2023, with the bid opening held November 8, 2023. Two bids were received by the University (see below bid summary). K Engineers Inc., Lynden, WA, prepared the plans and specifications for this project.

Advertisement for bids included language promoting Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (MWBE) participation, and the consultants and Western staff conducted extensive outreach to promote this project to MWBE certified firms. Neither bidder indicated MWBE participation on their bid.

The total budget for the project is \$1,600,000.

## **Source of Funding:**

State Appropriations – Bonds  
State Appropriations – Local

**BID SUMMARY**PROJECT: **PW789 - University Residences Commons Generators**DATE OF OPENING: **November 8, 2023**

<b>Bidder Name:</b>	Dutton Electric Company, Inc.	Valley Electric Company
<b>Base Bid:</b>	\$ 860,700	\$ 1,248,980
<b>Add Alt. 01 - Expanded FA scope:</b>	\$ 139,340	\$ 142,050
<b>MWBE Participation</b>	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Sub-Total (Base Bid plus Alternates):</b>	\$ <b>1,000,040</b>	\$ 1,391,030
<b>Sales Tax (8.8%):</b>	\$ 88,004	\$ 122,411
<b>Total:</b>	\$ <b>1,088,044</b>	\$ <b>1,513,441</b>

Selected Bidder, Scope of Work Awarding