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## AGENDA ITEM MEMO

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** June 25, 2025

**TO:** Board Members

**THROUGH:** Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator  
Ashley Harden, General Counsel  
Georgia Sanchez, Chief Financial Officer  
Edna Jackson, Deputy Executive Administrator, Operations & Administration  
Patricia Avitia, Chief Information Officer

**FROM:** Natalie McCrory, Manager, Information Technology Project Management  
Mahmood Usmaan, Information Technology Project Manager

**SUBJECT:** TxWISE and CAS Enhancements Contract

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator (EA) to execute a Texas Water Information System Expansion (TxWISE) and Contract Administration System (CAS) enhancements contract with Northbridge Environmental Management Consultants for fiscal year (FY) 2026 for \$120,000 with three one-year renewal options, with the total amount not to exceed \$700,000 over the four years.

### **BACKGROUND**

TxWISE and CAS comprise the agency's enterprise loan and grant management information system. This system streamlines the overall loan, grant, and project financing business processes and allows for accurate and timely collection, analysis, and reporting of data related to these processes.

The Information Technology Division and application users have identified a number of enhancements for FY2026, with estimated cost of \$120,000. With the fast-paced growth of technology in this area, further impacted by anticipated inflation, we expect that a greater investment will be required in the upcoming years up to a total not to exceed \$700,000 over the four-year contract. The amount of each contract renewal will be determined based upon market value at the time of negotiations, and TxWISE/CAS enhancements will be prioritized along with other, pressing technology needs.

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Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator

The TxWISE/CAS System is implemented through a partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and one of their national system development contractors, Northbridge Environmental Management Consultants (Northbridge). Northbridge is the sole source, proprietary vendor for this service, and a sole source justification document will be provided during the purchasing process. Northbridge has provided ongoing support, maintenance, and enhancement development for TxWISE/CAS since 2010. Their performance is assessed annually through the Office of the Comptroller's Vendor Performance Tracking System (VPTS), in accordance with the VPTS grading system.

**KEY ISSUES**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

To enable the Texas Water Development Board to continue to comply with legislative mandates, streamline processes, maintain security standards, and update reporting, the EA recommends the Board authorize the EA to negotiate and execute a FY2026 contract in the amount of \$120,000, with three one-year renewal options not to exceed the total amount of \$700,000 for four years.