

# Staff Report

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Peter Wade, P.E., Director of Power Systems

**DATE:** February 24, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Award of Sole-Source Contract for 2026 Security Evaluations  
(Consent)

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Award a sole-source contract with GFT in the amount of \$267,535 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$26,754 (Total \$294,289) and authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate contract documents and any change orders within the contingency amount.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requires updated security plans and associated security studies for select NID-owned dams and hydroelectric facilities every 10 years; the last was completed in 2016. This work is typically performed by specialized consultants familiar with industry practices and industry regulation. GFT is a well-established consulting firm with specialized expertise in FERC Hydropower security requirements and extensive familiarity with NID-owned dams and hydroelectric facilities. GFT rates remain comparable for consultants of specialized professional services.

This work is scheduled to be carried out throughout 2026 and is required by regulation to be completed by the end of the 2026 calendar year.

This sole source award complies with the following District Procurement Policy Section:

3080.8.E Sole source contracts may also be awarded to consultants that have a high level of knowledge of the District's infrastructure, operations, or regulatory requirements or experience working with the District.

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

The 2026 Hydroelectric Department Budget (Account 505300-52603) includes funds for security, which cover the cost of this contract.

Attachments: None