



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

District B

Item Creation Date:

HPW – 20PK03 Contract Award / Five Companies, LLC

Agenda Item#:

Background:

SUBJECT: Contract Award for 108-Inch Water Line along City Easements from Willis St. to Imperial Valley Dr.

RECOMMENDATION: Award a Construction Contract to Five Companies, LLC for 108-Inch Water Line along City Easements from Willis St. to Imperial Valley Dr., and appropriate funds.

PROJECT NOTICE/JUSTIFICATION: This project is part of the City's Surface Water Transmission program and supports the execution of the Northeast Transmission Line project from the Northeast Water Purification Plant to the Water Authorities for the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. It is required to improve existing water distribution systems and to meet Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence Districts Legislative mandate to regulate the withdrawal of groundwater. The project is a combination of water line construction, public utility adjustments, and pavement replacement.

DESCRIPTION/SCOPE: This project primarily consists of construction of 108-inch water transmission lines by open-cut and tunneling methods, as well as removal and replacement of private pavement, existing utilities through City easements from Willis Street to Imperial Valley Drive. The Contract duration for this project is 685 calendar days. This project was designed by Jones|Carter and Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.

LOCATION: The project starts from Willis Street in City easements then runs along Aldine Bender Drive and ends at Imperial Valley Drive.

PROPOSAL: This project was advertised for competitive sealed proposals on March 20, 2020. Proposals were received on May 7, 2020. The proposals received are as follows:

	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Proposer Bid Amount</u>
1.	S.J. Louis Construction of Texas, Ltd	\$30,020,818.21
2.	Thalle Construction Company, Inc.	\$30,690,890.00
3.	Five Companies, LLC	\$31,495,587.80
4.	Harper Brothers Construction, LLC	\$32,848,195.84
5.	Southland Contracting, Inc.	\$34,645,420.80

AWARD: A Selection Committee was comprised of members from Houston Public Works and Houston Airport System. The Selection Committee reviewed the proposals and recommended that this construction contract be awarded to Five Companies, LLC based on their Financial Capabilities, Experience, prior MWSBE Compliance, Safety Record, Key Personnel, Team Structure, Schedule, Quality Assurance/Quality Control, Project Controls, Litigation, Environmental, and Hire Houston First Designation with a total proposal bid amount of \$31,495,587.80 and that Addendum Number 1 be made a part of this Contract.

PROJECT COST: The total cost of this project is \$36,462,700.00 to be appropriated as follows:

• Proposal Bid Amount	\$31,495,587.80
• Contingencies	\$1,574,779.39
• Testing Services	\$620,000.00
• CIP Cost Recovery	\$944,884.81
• Construction Management	\$1,221,000.00
• Construction Program Management Services	\$606,448.00

Testing Services will be provided by Tolunay-Wong Engineers, Inc., under a previously approved contract.

Construction Management Services will be provided by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., under a previously approved contract.

Construction Program Management Services will be provided by KCI Technologies, Inc., under a previously approved contract.

HIRE HOUSTON FIRST: The proposed contract requires compliance with the City's 'Hire Houston First' (HHF) ordinance that promotes economic opportunity for Houston business and supports job creation. In this case Five Companies, LLC is a designated HHF company, but they were the successful awardee without application of the HHF preference.

PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM: The proposed contract requires compliance with the City's 'Pay or Play' ordinance regarding health benefits for employees of City contractors. In this case, the Contractor provides benefits for some employees but will pay into the Contractor Responsibility Fund for others, in compliance with City policy.

M/WSBE PARTICIPATION: The contractor has submitted the following proposed program to satisfy the 12.00% MBE goal and 7.00% WBE goal for this project.

<u>MBE - Name of Firms</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
1. Blazey Construction Services, LLC	Utility Line Construction	\$938,569.00	2.98%
2. Castec Construction LLC	Utility Line Construction	\$1,584,228.00	5.03%
TOTAL		\$2,522,797.00	8.01%

<u>WBE - Name of Firms</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
1. LD2 Services, Inc.	Distributor of Civil Electrical & Mechanical Materials	\$1,590,527.00	5.05%
2. T&T Trucking	Dump Trucking	\$620,463.00	1.97%
TOTAL		\$2,210,990.00	7.02%

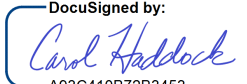
<u>SBE - Name of Firms</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
1. Huff & Mitchell, Inc.	Utility Line Construction	\$1,266,123.00	4.02%
TOTAL		\$1,266,123.00	4.02%

FISCAL NOTE: No significant Fiscal Operating impact is anticipated as a result of this project.

All parcels have been acquired except for the following Parcels, to be completed by the dates below.

<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Projected Close Date</u>
KY17-202	Intown Suites Houston International, LLC	November 13, 2020
KY17-208	Fuller Spence	November 13, 2020
KY17-212	Shomer VI, Ltd.	November 13, 2020

All Utility relocations will be completed upon parcel acquisitions.

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 Houston Public Works

WBS No. S-000900-0167-4

Amount of Funding:

Total: \$36,462,700.00

\$15,155,451.74 transfer from Fund No. 8426 – NETL Expansion – SWIFT into Fund No. 8508 – HPW-NETL Construction Fund and Appropriate from Fund No. 8508 - HPW-NETL Construction Fund
 \$20,362,363.45 from Fund No. 8507 - Water Authorities Capital Contribution-NETL Fund
 \$944,884.81 - Fund No. 8500 – Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction

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