



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 11/10/2020

Item Creation Date: 8/13/2020

L29615 - Analytical Laboratory Testing Services - ORDINANCE

Agenda Item#: 27.

Summary:

ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES FOR DRINKING WATER LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES FOR THE HOUSTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT; CONTAINING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Background:

S94-L29615 - Approve an Ordinance Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement for Analytical Laboratory Testing Services between the City of Houston and the Department of State Health Services for Houston Public Works.

Specific Explanation:

The Director of Houston Public Works and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement for analytical laboratory testing services between the City of Houston and the **Department of State Health Services** in an amount not to exceed **\$287,913.26** for a **three (3) year contract with two (2) one-year options** for Houston Public Works. The contractor will be required to perform laboratory testing of the City's drinking water to ensure compliance with Federal, State and local regulations.

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended in 1996, authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and enforce rules and regulations that govern drinking water quality nationally. The EPA has authorized the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to administer the program in the State of Texas. The EPA and the TCEQ require that all public water systems be regularly monitored for compliance with established limits for approximately 90 regulated and up to 26 unregulated, chemical, physical, microbiological and radiological contaminants. Samples are collected from approximately 85 locations in the City of Houston's water system and analyzed either quarterly, annually, or tri-annually depending on the regulated contaminant and source of water. These certified analyses are reported to the TCEQ and the City of Houston. TCEQ, further reports to the EPA the compliance status of each system, based on these results.

The Department of State Health Services will continue testing the City's potable drinking water samples, including potable drinking water samples from other public water systems the City may acquire during the term of this Agreement, using EPA methodology and any additional analyses required by EPA or TCEQ.

This recommendation is made pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code, entitled the Interlocal Cooperation Act for exempt procurement.

MWBE Subcontracting:

Zero-percent goal document approved by the Office of Business Opportunity.

Hire Houston First:

This procurement is exempt from the City's Hire Houston First Ordinance. Bids/Proposals were not solicited because the department is utilizing an Interlocal or Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for this purchase

Pay or Play:

This procurement is exempt from the City's 'Pay or Play' Ordinance because the department is utilizing an Interlocal or Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for this purchase.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY2021 Proposed Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Department Approval Authority

11/5/2020

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Estimated Spending Authority			
DEPARTMENT	FY2021	OUTYEARS	TOTAL
Houston Public Works	\$ 65,752.55	\$222,160.71	\$287,913.26

Amount of Funding:**\$287,913.26**

Water & Sewer System Operating Fund

Fund No.: 8300

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ATTACHMENTS:**Description**

Interlocal Agreement Contract

FY21 Certificate of Funds

Memo_Specification Review

Memo for MWBE Goal Modification

Back-Up Information

Caption

ILA- DSHS Drinking Water

ordinance

OBO Approved Waiver

Type

Contract/Exhibit

Financial Information

Backup Material

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Contract/Exhibit

Ordinance/Resolution/Motion

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