



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date:

I03765 - Measurement of Liquid - MOTION

Agenda Item#:

Background:

Informal Bids Received October 22, 2020, for I03765 – Approve an award to Planet Cellular Inc., in the total amount of \$21,060.00 for the purchase of radar sensors for liquid level detection in wastewater operations for Houston Public Works.

Specific Explanation:

The Director of Houston Public Works (HPW) and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an award to **Planet Cellular Inc.**, in the total amount of **\$21,060.00** for the purchase of radar sensors for liquid level detection in wastewater operations for Houston Public Works.

This is for the purchase of thirty (30) Vega Vegaplug C21 radar sensors to be used in wastewater treatment plants and lift stations across the City to detect the level of liquid in various tanks, containers etc. as part of the wastewater treatment process. These radar sensors are non-contact liquid level measurement sensors with high accuracy readings.

This project was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the State of Texas bid laws for an informal procurement. Planet Cellular Inc. has already received \$33,514.65 for other good and/or services this fiscal year. This purchase would put them above the \$50,000 threshold and therefore requires Council action. Twenty-one (21) prospective bidders downloaded the solicitation document from SPD's e-bidding website and ten (10) bids were received as outlined below:

	<u>Company</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
1.	Planet Cellular Inc.	\$21,060.00
2.	GK Techstar LLC	\$24,750.00
3.	H.M.T. Services Corp	\$24,990.00
4.	Integral Logistics Corp	\$25,800.00
5.	Decoulant Inc.	\$26,100.00
6.	Zadok Technologies	\$26,400.00
7.	Integral Logistics Corp	\$26,700.00
8.	PKJ International LLC	\$26,940.00
9.	Royal Media Network Inc.	\$26,962.50
10.	Phoenix Export Inc.	\$29,970.00

Planet Cellular Inc.: Award on its overall low bid meeting specifications in the total amount of \$21,060.00

M/WBE Participation:

This procurement is exempt from the City's M/WBE subcontracting requirements as the total expenditure does not exceed the \$100,000.00 threshold. However, HPW does solicit bids through SPD's e-bidding website which is promoted to all registered MWBE vendors.

Hire Houston First:

The proposed contract requires compliance with the City's 'Hire Houston First' ordinance that promotes economic opportunity for Houston businesses, while supporting job creation. In this case, Planet Cellular Inc., does not meet the requirements of HHF designation, and no firms were within five percent.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY21 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Estimated Spending Authority:

Department	FY2021	Out Years	Total
Houston Public Works	\$21,060.00	\$0.00	\$21,060.00

Amount of Funding:

\$21,060.00 – Water & Sewer System Operating Fund (8300)

Contact Information:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Ownership Form
Clear Tax Report
Bid Tab
Form A

Type

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Financial Information