



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date: 8/3/2021

HPW - 20WWO979 Contract Award / Vortex Services, LLC

Agenda Item#:

Background:

SUBJECT: Contract Award for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal

RECOMMENDATION: (Summary) Accept low bid, award construction contract, and appropriate funds.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION: This project is part of the Neighborhood Sewer Rehabilitation Program and is required to renew/replace various deteriorated neighborhood collection systems throughout the City. The project involves wastewater collection system point repairs and pipe bursting. The purpose is to reduce sanitary sewer overflows, which is accomplished by renewal/rehabilitation of deteriorated collection systems.

The work to be performed under this contract award is necessary to maintain compliance with Houston's wastewater consent decree with EPA and TCEQ.

DESCRIPTION/SCOPE: This project consists of wastewater collection system point repairs and pipe bursting. This is a work order driven project. Work orders will be issued and prioritized based on factors that include, but are not limited to, sanitary sewer overflow and stoppage history, as set forth in the proposed wastewater consent decree with the EPA and TCEQ. The contract duration for this project is 730 calendar days.

LOCATION: The project area is generally bounded by the City Limits.

BIDS: Eight (8) bids were received on June 17, 2021 for this project as follows:

	Bidder	Bid Amount
1.	Vortex Services, LLC	\$2,921,147.35
2.	PM Construction & Rehab, LLC dba IPR South Central	\$2,958,206.57
3.	Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC	\$2,963,681.23
4.	T Construction, LLC	\$3,046,643.34
5.	Nerie Construction, LLC	\$3,325,850.88
6.	DL Grover, Inc.	\$3,389,020.00
7.	To-Mex Construction, LLC	\$3,496,407.51
8.	Reliance Construction Services, LP	\$5,047,420.10

AWARD: It is recommended that this construction contract be awarded to Vortex Services, LLC with a low bid of \$2,921,147.35.

PROJECT COST: The total cost of this project is \$3,258,262.00 to be appropriated as follows:

Bid Amount	\$2,921,147.35
Contingencies	\$146,057.28
CIP Recovery Fund	\$146,057.37
Testing Services	\$45,000.00

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

HIRE HOUSTON FIRST: Hire Houston First does not apply to this expenditure, because it involves the use of federal funds and is subject to specific procurement rules of the federal government.


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 health benefits to eligible employees in compliance with City policy.

M/WSBE PARTICIPATION: The contractor has submitted the following proposed program to satisfy the 19.44% MBE goal, and 9.17% WBE goal for this project.

<u>MBE – Name of Firm</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
C&A Construction, LLC	Point Repair Services	\$445,000.00	15.23%
Chief Solutions, Inc.	CCTV Services	\$125,000.00	4.28%
	MBE TOTAL	\$570,000.00	19.51%
<u>WBE – Name of Firm</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
J. Macias Industries, LLC	Point Repair/Pipe Bursting	\$270,000.00	9.24%
	WBE TOTAL	\$270,000.00	9.24%

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

All known rights-of-way and easements required for this project have been acquired.

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 Director
 Houston Public Works

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Amount of Funding:

\$3,258,262.00 from Fund No. 8500 - Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction. This project is eligible for low interest funding through a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Equivalency loan.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
SAP Documents	Financial Information
Council District Map	Backup Material
Form B	Backup Material
Ownership Information Form & Tax Report	Backup Material
Form 1295 - Certificate of Interested Parties	Backup Material
OBO Documents	Backup Material
POP Documents	Backup Material
Bid Tabulation	Backup Material