



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 11/29/2022

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Item Creation Date: 11/17/2022

E32525 - Emergency Waterline Inspections (Omega Engineers, Inc.) - MOTION

Agenda Item#: 18.

Background:

E32539 - Emergency Purchase Order – Approve spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,079,837.00 to Omega Engineers, Inc. for emergency waterline inspection services for Houston Public Works.

Specific Explanation:

The Director of Houston Public Works (HPW) and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve spending authority to **Omega Engineers, Inc.** in an amount not to exceed **\$1,079,837.00** for emergency waterline inspection services and that authorization be given to issue purchase orders for a **nine-month period** for Houston Public Works.

The Chief Procurement Officer issued an emergency purchase order to Omega Engineers, Inc. on September 14, 2022, as the City of Houston distribution system has been experiencing a high volume of water line breaks, with the number of breaks steadily increasing over the summer months. The contractor will provide additional inspection resources and services due to the increased number of repairs performed during the drought by emergency contractors.

This recommendation is made pursuant to Chapter 252, Section 252.022 (a) (2) of the Texas Local Government Code for exempted procurements, " which provides a procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents."

MWBE Participation:

This procurement is exempt from the MWBE subcontracting participation goal because the department is utilizing an emergency purchase order for this purchase.

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 emergency purchase order for this purchase.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY23 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Estimated Spending Authority:			
Department	FY2023	Out Years	Total
Houston Public Works	\$1,079,837.00	\$0.00	\$1,079,837.00

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$1,079,837.00 – Water & Sewer System Operating Fund (8300)

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