



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 10/3/2023

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Item Creation Date: 9/25/2023

E33024 - Emergency Waterline Repair - MOTION (Nerie Brothers)

Agenda Item#: 18.

Background:

E33024 - Emergency Purchase Order – Approve spending authority to Nerie Brothers Construction in the amount of \$3,600,000.00 for emergency waterline repair 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 **Nerie Brothers Construction**, in the amount not to exceed **\$3,600,000.00** for emergency waterline repair 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 Nerie Brothers Construction on August 24, 2023, to make waterline repairs due to the increase of breaks caused by drought conditions. The City of Houston's distribution system had been experiencing a high volume of waterline breaks with the number of breaks steadily increasing over the summer months. The contractor has provided additional emergency repair crews in an effort to reduce this high number of waterline breaks and minimize the risk of reduced pressure and operational disruption in the water distribution system.

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 FY24 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Carol Ellinger Haddock, P.E., Director
Houston Public Works

Estimated Spending Authority:			
Department	FY2024	Out Years	Total
Houston Public Works	\$3,600,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,600,000.00

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$3,600,000.00– Water & Sewer System Operating Fund (8300)

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Description

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