



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 10/17/2023

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E33047 - City Hall Tunnel Construction Repairs and Waterproofing Services (Time Construction, Inc.) - MOTION

Agenda Item#: 12.

Summary:

NOT A REAL CAPTION

APPROVE spending authority in the amount not to exceed \$963,893.70 for Emergency construction repairs and waterproofing services at the City Hall Tunnel for the General Services Department on award to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION** - General Improvement Consolidation Fund

Background:

Emergency Purchase Order (E33047) – Approve spending authority in the amount not to exceed \$963,893.70 for construction repairs and waterproofing services at the City Hall Tunnel from Times Constructions, Inc. for the General Services Department (GSD).

Specific Explanation:

The Director of the General Services Department and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve spending authority in the amount **not to exceed \$963,893.70** for construction repairs and waterproofing services at the City Hall Tunnel and that authorization be given to issue a purchase order to Times Constructions, Inc.

Chief Procurement Officer issued an Emergency Purchase Order on July 12, 2023, to Times Construction, Inc. Hydrostatic pressure is causing groundwater to create cracks through the slab of the tunnel floor that connects the City Hall to the City Hall Annex. This situation not only presents an immediate safety hazard for individuals who utilize the tunnel between the two buildings, but also compromises the structural integrity of the tunnel itself. As the damage escalates, there is an increased risk of accidents and injuries to individuals using the tunnel. Over time, ongoing water infiltration through the tunnel floor will cause the cracks to expand and lead to a rapid deterioration that may render the tunnel completely unusable. Given the immediate safety risks, operational disruption, and financial implications, it is imperative to address the situation promptly and efficiently through an Emergency Purchase Order (EPO). The EPO will allow us to engage the necessary expertise and resources to assess, repair, and reinforce the tunnel floor, ensuring the safety of those who use it and preventing further deterioration that could lead to extensive costly repairs.

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:

No significant Fiscal Operating Impact is anticipated as a result of this project.

10/12/2023

Jedediah Greenfield
Chief Procurement Officer
Finance/Strategic Procurement Division

Department Approval Authority

Estimated Spending Authority

Departments	FY2024	Out-Years	Award Amount
General Services Department	\$963,893.70	\$0.00	\$963,893.70

Prior Council Action:

Appropriated Ordinance No: 2023-654; approved by City Council on 8/22/23.

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$963,893.70

General Improvement Consolidation Fund

Fund No.: 4509 – **Previously Appropriated by Ord. No.: 2023-654**

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Emergency Purchase Justification Form	Backup Material
Certification of Funds	Financial Information
Quote	Backup Material
Ownership Form	Backup Material
Delinquent Tax Report	Backup Material
Form A	Backup Material
RCA Budget Information	Financial Information
Appropriated ORD. No.: 2023-654	Backup Material