



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

Item Creation Date: 8/29/2023

Q32776 - Harmony in the air (various music artists and performing arts organizations)-
ORDINANCE

Agenda Item#:

Background:

Request for Qualifications received July 7, 2023, for P14-Q32776 - Approve an ordinance awarding twenty-six (26) professional service contracts to various music artists and performing arts organizations as listed below in the maximum contracts amounts \$3,750,000.00 for the Harmony in the Air programs for the Houston Airport System.

Specific Explanation:

The Director of the Houston Airport System and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an ordinance awarding twenty-six (26) professional service contracts for **three (3) years with two (2) one-year options** to various music artists and/or performing arts organizations in the maximum contracts amount of **\$3,750,000.00** for the Harmony in the Air program for the Houston Airport System. The Director of the Houston Airport System may terminate this contract at any time upon fourteen (14) days, written notice to the contractor.

The scope of work requires each artist to provide music performances at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH) and/or William P. Hobby Airport (HOU). All performances, regardless of the genre, will be appropriate for an airport setting and will provide a pleasant listening experience for all visitors to each airport. Performances that include lyrics will not contain obscene, sexually explicit, social, political, religious, or racially demeaning words.

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the State of Texas bid laws. As a result, thirty-five (35) submissions were received from Individual Musicians (IMs) and Performing Arts Organization (PAOs).

Each IM and PAO was required to meet the following qualifying criteria:

1. Each individual musician, must reside in Harris County or an adjacent county. Each performing arts organization, must have their main office located in Harris County or an adjacent county.
2. Every musician, either individual or as part of a performing arts organization, shall have a minimum of eight (8) years of previous professional performance experience.
3. PAOs and IMs shall provide names and descriptions of ensembles and/or musicians previously or currently employed or represented by the PAOs and IMs, with links to corresponding websites.
4. PAOs and IMs shall provide names of venues where the musicians represented by the PAOs and IMs have performed and/or currently perform.
5. PAOs and IMs shall provide materials such as CDs, videos, marketing materials, social media posts, and/or links to events booked and/or produced by the musicians employed by the PAOs and IMs.
6. PAOs and IMs shall provide references from five (5) former or present clients.
7. Musicians must have a college degree, preferably in music. If musicians do not have a college degree, they must have equivalent professional musician experience of at least eight (8) years and two (2) letters of recommendation from established professionals with appropriate credentials.

The evaluation committee selected the following IMs and PAOs to receive a contract.

1.	Alex Navarro Music
2.	Anthony Caceres
3.	Anthony Henry
4.	Apollo Chamber Players
5.	ARS Lyrica Players
6.	Axiom Quartet
7.	Blondviolin Productions/Duo Dramatique
8.	Chad Wesselkamper
9.	Divisi Strings
10.	Eddie Akamatchie Trio

10.	LOUIS ARABIAN MUSIC INC
11.	Entertainment Connect LLC
12.	Jerome Ali
13.	Karte Blanche Music
14.	Ki'Ora Michelle
15.	Mark Prause
16.	Marlon Simon Rhythmic Productions
17.	Melvin Johnson/Sincerely Yours Music
18.	Mercury Chamber Orchestra Inc.
19.	Musiqqa
20.	Mystery Loves Company
21.	Paul English Music
22.	Rankin Peters Music
23.	Robert G. Chadwick
24.	Solero Flamico LLC
25.	The Gerling-Mut Dou
26.	Trio Oriens

The Houston Airport System is confident that each IM and POA is well qualified to provide the required services.

M/WBE Subcontracting:

MWBE participation zero-percentage goal document approved by the Office of Business Opportunity.

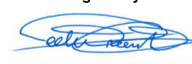
Hire Houston First (HHF):

This procurement is exempt from the City's Hire Houston First Ordinance based on the department's determination that compliance with the ordinance would unduly interfere with contract needs.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Jedediah Greenfield, Chief Procurement Officer Department Approval Authority
Finance/Strategic Procurement Division

Estimated Spending Authority			
Department Name	FY2024	Out-Years	Total
Houston Airport System	\$360,000.00	\$3,390,000.00	\$3,750,000.00

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$3,750,000.00 - HAS Revenue Fund (8001)

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Certificate of Funds	Financial Information
MWBE Goal Waiver	Backup Material