



## CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date: 1/22/2024

HPW – 20WVO1098 Contract Award / Equix Integrity Southeast, Inc.

Agenda Item#:

### **Background:**

**SUBJECT:** Contract Award for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in Support of Rehabilitation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Award a Construction contract to Equix Integrity Southeast, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection In Support of Rehabilitation, and appropriate funds.

**PROJECT NOTICE/JUSTIFICATION:** 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 purpose is to reduce sanitary sewer overflows, which is accomplished by cleaning the sewer lines and television inspection to identify sewer lines in need of rehabilitation/renewal.

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 sanitary sewer cleaning and television inspection in support of rehabilitation. This is a work order driven project. Work Orders will be issued and prioritized based on factors that include, but not limited to sanitary sewer overflow and stoppage history, as set forth in the wastewater consent decree with the EPA and TCEQ. The contract duration for this project is 730 calendar days.

**LOCATION:** The projects are located throughout the City of Houston.

**BIDS:** This project was advertised for bidding on August 18, 2023. Bids were received on September 14, 2023. The five (5) bids are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Equix Integrity Southeast, Inc.	\$3,102,048.18
2. Sweeping Corporation of America, LLC	\$3,102,048.18
3. Texas ReExcavation, LLC	\$3,178,637.60
4. Pipe View, LLC DBA Pipe View America	\$3,322,333.95
5. Specialized Maintenance Services	\$3,649,115.50

**AWARD:** Tied bids were received from Equix Integrity Southeast, Inc. and Sweeping Corporation of America, LLC. In order to break the tie, lots were drawn by City Council in accordance with Texas Local Government Code § 271.901. Motion 2023-0684 was passed on October 11, 2023, naming Equix Integrity Southeast, Inc. the successful bidder. It is recommended that this Construction Contract be awarded to Equix Integrity Southeast, Inc., with a low bid of \$3,102,048.18.

**PROJECT COST:** The total cost of this project is \$3,412,253.00 to be appropriated as follows:

· Bid Amount	\$ 3,102,048.18
· Contingencies	\$ 155,102.41
· CIP Cost Recovery	\$ 155,102.41

**HIRE HOUSTON FIRST:** The proposed contract requires compliance with the City's 'Hire Houston First' ordinance that promotes economic opportunity for Houston businesses and supports job creation. In this case, Equix Integrity Southeast, Inc. is a designated HHF company, but they were the successful awardee without application of the HHF preference.

**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.

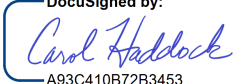
**M/WSBE PARTICIPATION:** The Contractor has submitted the following proposed program to satisfy the 14% MBE goal and 3% WBE goal for this project.

<u>MBE - Name of Firms</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
1. CZ Construction, LLC	Sanitary sewer line cleaning and inspection	\$ 434,286.75	14.00%
TOTAL		\$ 434,286.75	14.00%

<u>SBE - Name of Firms</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
1. C&A Construction, LLC	Water, sewer line and related structures construction	\$ 93,061.45	3.00%
TOTAL		\$ 93,061.45	3.00%

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

All known rights-of-way, easements and/or right-of-entry required for the project have been acquired.

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 Houston Public Works

WBS No. R-000266-0385-4  
 File No. 4277-135

**Prior Council Action:**

Motion No. 2023-0684, dated 10-11-23

**Amount and Source of Funding:**

\$3,412,253.00 - Fund No. 8500 - Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund

**Contact Information:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
SAP Documents	Financial Information
Map	Backup Material
OBO Documents	Backup Material
Form B	Backup Material
Ownership Information Form	Backup Material
Pay or Play	Backup Material
Bid Extension	Backup Material
Bid Tabulations	Backup Material
Form 1295	Backup Material
Prior Council Action	Backup Material