



TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: Approval of payment of 2014 Membership dues for the Water Research Foundation.	Category # 1	Page 1	Agenda Item #
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FROM (Department or other point of origin): Department of Public Works and Engineering	Origination Date	Agenda Date
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE  Daniel R. Menendez, P.E., Acting Director	Council District affected: All
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For additional information contact:  Yvonne W. Forrest Senior Assistant Director Phone: (832) 395-2847	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action Motion No. 2013-0623, 9/11/2013
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RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)
Adopt a Motion approving spending authority in the amount of \$264,469.29 to pay the Water Research Foundation annual fees for Subscription Year 2014 (09/01/2014 to 09/01/2015).

Amount and Source of Funding: \$264,469.29 - Water and Sewer System Operating Fund (8300)	Finance Department:
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SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

BACKGROUND: The Water Research Foundation is a member-supported, international nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. Formed in 1966, they are the nation's only research foundation devoted to drinking water research and governed by water utilities.

PURPOSES: The City of Houston, along with other member utilities, asks the Water Research Foundation to solicit research proposals on identifying the best available technology, such as granular activated carbon, membrane technology, ion exchange and alternate disinfectants for the removal of contaminants which have been identified as candidates for regulation or which are being proposed for regulation. The foundation also adopts research projects that deal with the study of new technologies which could help treatment plants operate more efficiently and economically or for research which could evaluate the risks and/or cost benefits associated with regulating certain contaminants.


The program is international in scope and the results will benefit all water utilities, including the City of Houston and its customers. The primary benefit that they offer to the City of Houston, and to all utility subscribers, is participation in a centralized research program that is directed by and conducted on behalf of the drinking water community.

As a result of the program, the drinking water community has realized savings of millions of dollars annually; The Foundation has demonstrated the value of an industry-sponsored research program that benefits the drinking water community and the customer.

BENEFITS: As a member of the Water Research Foundation, the City of Houston will receive research on today's most complex challenges. With the long list of proposed regulations now facing the water industry in the short term, this membership will continue to play a vital role in ensuring that the City of Houston is ready to meet these regulations in an efficient and timely manner.

DUES: Annual subscription cost is determined by the volume of water treated by the City of Houston multiplied by our subscription rate of \$2.35 per million gallons minus water sold to other utilities and minus any unmetered water. This calculation has yielded a subscription amount of \$264,469.29

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION CUIC ID #20YWF48

Finance Department	Other Authorization:	Other Authorization:  Jun Chang, P.E., D.WRE, Deputy Director, Public Utilities Division
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2014 INVOICE

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Invoice Number RF2014-0002215	Date July 23, 2014
Subscriber Number 0002215	Foundation Tax ID 13-6211384
Subscriber Since 09/01/11	Vendor# 139048

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ATTN: Jun Chang P.E. D. WRE, Deputy Director
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ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	COMMITMENT AMOUNT
RF2014	September 2014 through August 2015 Subscription to the Water Research Foundation Program	\$264,469.29
Amount Due:		\$264,469.29



Detach and return with payment

Please make check payable to: Water Research Foundation

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ITEM NO. RF2014	DESCRIPTION Subscription to the Water Research Foundation Program	AMOUNT DUE \$264,469.29
REVISED INVOICE REQUESTED X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		AMOUNT ENCLOSED

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