



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date: 10/2/2024

DOC1113314210 - Blower Repair and Replacement Services (ITSA Holdings, Inc. DBA Roots Blowers, LLC) - ORDINANCE

Agenda Item#:

Background:

Best Value Bids received July 18, 2024, for P05 – DOC1113314210 – Approve an ordinance awarding a contract to ITSA Holdings, Inc. DBA Roots Blowers, LLC. in the maximum contract amount of \$12,729,125.10 for blower repair and replacement services for a three (3) year contract, with two (2) one-year options for Houston Public Works.

Specific Explanation:

The Chief Procurement Officer and the Chief Operating Officer of Houston Public Works (HPW) recommend that City Council approve an ordinance awarding a three (3) year contract, with two (2) one-year options to **ITSA Holdings, Inc. DBA Roots Blowers, LLC** in the maximum contract amount of **\$12,729,125.10** for blower repair and replacement services for HPW.

The scope of work requires the contractor to provide blower repair and replacement services at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs) and lift stations. Blowers play a vital role in wastewater treatment plants, by introducing air into the water to support the growth of microorganisms that break down organic waste. This process is called aeration and is a key step in the wastewater treatment process. Proper maintenance of the blowers is essential. Repairs and/or replacement of these blowers are required to prevent any sanitary sewer overflows, plant non-compliance and to protect the environment and public safety

The Best Value Bid (BVB) was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the State of Texas bid laws, and as a result, best value bids were received from the following three (3) firms:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
1. ITSA Holdings, Inc. DBA Roots Blowers, LLC	\$12,729,125.10 (Best qualified bid)
2. Brown and Root Industrial Services, LLC	\$ 9,201,416.95
3. Lone Star Blower and Compressor	\$14,011,952.61

The evaluation committee consisted of employees from Houston Public Works. The best-value bids were evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Experience and Expertise
- Past Performance
- Pricing

The bid from ITSA Holdings, Inc. DBA Roots Blowers, LLC. was deemed the most qualified bid.

M/WBE Subcontracting:

The BVB was advertised with a 3% goal for M/WBE participation. ITSA Holdings, Inc. DBA Roots Blowers, LLC has designated the companies below as its certified M/WBE subcontractors.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Sterling Solutions	Wiring Electrical Contractors	2.2%
T Construction	Utility Line Construction	0.8%
TOTAL		3%

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, ITSA Holdings, Inc. DBA Roots Blowers, LLC will provide health benefits for their employees in compliance with City policy.

Hire Houston First:


The proposed contract requires compliance with the City's 'Hire Houston First' (HHF) ordinance that promotes economic opportunity for Houston businesses and supports job creation. In this case, ITSA Holdings, Inc. DBA Roots Blowers, LLC does not meet the requirements for HHF designation: no HHF firms were within three percent


requirements for this designation, no firm limits were maintained percent.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY2025 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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ESTIMATED SPENDING AUTHORITY

Department	FY25	Out-Years	Total Amount
Houston Public Works	\$500,000.00	\$12,229,125.10	\$12,729,125.10

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$12,729,125.10 - Water and Sewer System Operating Fund (8300)

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
DOC1113314210 - Certification of Funds	Financial Information
DOC1113314210 - Ownership form	Backup Material
DOC1113314210 - Clear Tax Report	Backup Material
DOC1113314210 - MWBE Goal	Backup Material
DOC1113314210 - MWBE Plan, Letters of Intent and OBO check	Backup Material
DOC1113314210 - POP forms	Backup Material
DOC1113314210 - Drug Forms	Backup Material
DOC1113314210 - Insurance Forms	Backup Material
DOC1113314210 - AM Best	Backup Material
DOC1113314210 - 1295 Form Ack	Backup Material
DOC1113314210 - Conflict of Interest	Backup Material
DOC1113314210 - OA 4600018534 Screenshot	Backup Material