



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date: 10/22/2024

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Item Creation Date: 10/11/2024

WS1313000031 - Purchase of Miscellaneous Equipment (Vermeer Equipment of Texas - LA ) - MOTION

Agenda Item#: 21.

**Background:**

**(P23-WS1313000031) - Approve a purchase in the total amount of \$156,529.25 for miscellaneous equipment from Vermeer Equipment of Texas - LA through the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing program for the Fleet Management Department on behalf of Houston Public Works.**

**Specific Explanation:**

The Director of the Fleet Management Department and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve a purchase in the total amount of **\$156,529.25** for miscellaneous equipment from **Vermeer Equipment of Texas – LA** through the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing program for Houston Public Works.

The equipment has been vetted and approved by the Fleet Management Department and will be additions to the fleet.

**BuyBoard Contractor:**

Vermeer Equipment of Texas – LA:

Approve the purchase of one (1) chain trencher. This equipment will be used to dig underground trenches for water/wastewater lines and install electrical conduits at various wastewater treatment plants. This equipment is portable and can cut narrow trenches that run between 12 and 36 inches deep. This equipment has a chain mechanism that wraps around a boom, allowing the operator to efficiently manage the depth of the cut.

Approve the purchase of one (1) brush chipper. This equipment is essential for processing and reducing large amounts of branches, trees, and other organic material. It will be used to cut down tree limbs and branches to allow site accessibility for daily work orders and in the event of emergencies.

These pieces of equipment come with full warranties of one year or 1,000.00 hours. The life expectancy of this equipment is 10-years and/or 10,000 hours.

This recommendation is made pursuant to subsection 271.102(c) of the Texas Local Government Code, which provides that “a local government that purchases goods or services from a cooperative purchasing program or organization satisfies any state law requiring the local government to seek competitive bids for the purchase of the goods or services.”

**MWBE Participation:**

Zero percentage goal-document approved by the Office of Business Opportunity.

**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 Interlocal/Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for this purchase.

**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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Department Approval Authority

10/16/2024

**Estimated Spending Authority**

Department	FY2025	Out Years	Total
Houston Public Works	\$156,529.25	\$0	\$156,529.25

**Amount and Source of Funding:**

\$156,529.25

Combined Utility System General Purpose Fund

Fund: 8305

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

**Type**

Approved COOP Form

Backup Material

Quote - Trencher

Backup Material

Quote - Brush Chipper

Backup Material

Ownership Information Form

Backup Material

Tax Report

Backup Material

Conflict of Interest Form

Backup Material

Approved OBO Goal Waiver

Backup Material

Certification of Funds

Financial Information