



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date: 9/11/2024

Doc1145881334 - Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (BlueLink, LLC) - ORDINANCE

Agenda Item#:

Background:

Formal bids received August 8, 2024, for DOC1145881334-P38 – Approve an ordinance awarding a contract to BlueLink, LLC for a maximum contract amount of \$73,349.00 to purchase a fully functional Underwater Remote Operated Vehicle for one (1) year term for the Mayor’s Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security, on behalf of the Houston Police Department

Specific Explanation:

The Director of the Mayor’s Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an ordinance awarding a contract to **BlueLink, LLC** for one (1) Underwater Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) in the total amount not to exceed **\$73,349.00** for the Houston Police Department (HPD) Dive Team. The contract is for one year and the ROV has a two-year warranty.

This invitation to bid (ITB) was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the state of Texas bid laws. Seven (7) respondents downloaded the solicitation from SPD’s Ariba Discovery Website and three (3) bids were received as outlined below.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
1. Poseidon Robotics, LLC	\$68,700.00
2. BlueLink, LLC	\$73,349.00
3. Deep Trekker, Inc.	\$127,649.00

The ROV submitted by the lowest bidder, Poseidon Robotics, LLC, did not meet all specifications required by HPD Dive Team.

The scope of work requires the vendor provide all labor, tools, parts, supervision, and other items necessary to provide and deliver a fully functioning ROV with accessories and training for HPD Dive Team. The ROV will be used by the Dive Team to aid in search and recovery efforts of evidence at the Port of Houston and surrounding waterways, including lakes and bayous. The ROV will also aid in the securing of critical infrastructure and vessels. The ROV will provide sonar and video capabilities as well as manipulation of articles located by use of a robotic arm to provide extra safety to divers.

M/WBE Participation:

This procurement is exempt from the City’s M/WBE subcontracting as the total project expenditure does not exceed the \$100,000.00 City’s threshold.

Hire Houston First:

Hire Houston First does not apply to this expenditure because it involves the use of federal funds and is subject to specific procurement rules of the federal government.

Fiscal Note:

No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

Signed by:

Larry J Satterwhite 10/16/2024

Department Approval Authority

Jedediah Greenfield, Chief Procurement Officer
Finance/Strategic Procurement Division

ESTIMATED SPENDING AUTHORITY

Department	FY2025	Out-Years	Amount
MYR	\$73,349.00	\$0	\$73,349.00

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Amount and Source of Funding:

\$73,349.00 – Fed/Local/State Pass Fund (5030)

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Clear Tax Report	Backup Material
Ownership Form	Backup Material
Insurance with endorsements	Backup Material
Drug Policy Compliance Agreement	Backup Material
Bid Tab	Backup Material
Certification of Funds	Financial Information
Award Recommendation Letter	Backup Material
Verification of Grant Funding-BA	Backup Material