



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date:

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HPW – 20WWO1135 Contract Award / CSI Consolidated, LLC dba AIMS Companies

Agenda Item#:

**Background:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Reject low bid, return bid bond, and award Construction Contract to the second low bidder, CSI Consolidated, LLC dba AIMS Companies, 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 the EPA and TCEQ.

**DESCRIPTION/SCOPE:** This project consists of sanitary sewer cleaning and television inspection in support of rehabilitation. This is 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 May 17, 2024. Bids were received on June 13, 2024. The five (5) bids are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Pipe View, LLC dba Pipe View America	\$3,069,462.56 (Not HHF Certified)
2. CSI Consolidated, LLC dba AIMS Companies	\$3,103,972.00
3. Equix Integrity Southeast, Inc.	\$3,107,849.47
4. Sweeping Corporation of America, LLC	\$3,169,501.16
5. Specialized Maintenance Services, Inc.	\$3,685,591.75

**AWARD:** The apparent low bidder, Pipe View, LLC dba Pipe View America, was not designated as a City or Local Business at the time of the bid. The second bidder, CSI Consolidated, LLC dba AIMS Companies was confirmed as a Hire Houston First certified local business and came within 3% of the lowest bidder. Therefore, in accordance with the Hire Houston First Ordinance 2013-428 (Section 15-178), it is recommended that this Construction Contract be awarded to the second low bidder, CSI Consolidated, LLC dba AIMS Companies with a low bid of \$3,103,972.00.

**PROJECT COST:** The total cost of this project is \$3,414,369.00 to be appropriated as follows:

- Bid Amount \$3,103,972.00
- Contingencies \$ 155,198.40
- CIP Cost Recovery \$ 155,198.60

**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, CSI Consolidated, LLC dba AIMS Companies is HHF designated and was awarded the contract based on their designation.

**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 benefits for some employees but will pay into the Contractor Responsibility Fund for others, in compliance with City policy.

**M/WSBE PARTICIPATION:** The Contractor has submitted the following proposed program to satisfy the 14.00% MBE goal and 3.00% SBE goal for this project.


<u>MBE – Name of Firm</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
1. Ram Rod Utilities, LLC	Water and sewer line and related structures construction	\$217,278.04	7.00%
2. Atlantic Petroleum & Mineral Resources, Inc.	Petroleum bulk and stations and terminals	\$217,278.04	7.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$434,556.08</b>	<b>14.00%</b>

<u>SBE – Name of Firm</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
1. Chief Solutions, Inc.	Construction management, water and sewer line	\$ 93,119.16	3.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 93,119.16</b>	<b>3.00%</b>

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

All known rights-of-way and easements required for this project have been acquired.

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**Amount and Source of Funding:**

\$3,414,369.00 - Fund No. 8500 - Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
SAP Docs	Financial Information
Map	Backup Material
OBO Documents	Backup Material
Form B	Backup Material
Ownership Information Form & Tax Report	Backup Material
Pay or Play	Backup Material
Bid Extension Letter	Backup Material
Bid Tabulations	Backup Material
Form 1295	Backup Material