



## CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 4/1/2025

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WS1151815252 - Opioid Wastewater Analysis (University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston) - ORDINANCE

Agenda Item#: 35.

### **Summary:**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HOUSTON AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON FOR OPIOID WASTEWATER ANALYSIS FOR THE HOUSTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT; CONTAINING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

### **Background:**

**Professional Services (S36-WS1151815252) - Approve an ordinance authorizing a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Houston and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in the maximum contract amount of \$90,000.00 for opioid wastewater analysis for a one-year term for the Houston Health Department.**

### **Specific Explanation:**

The Director of the Houston Health Department (HHD) and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that the City Council approve an ordinance authorizing a professional services agreement between the City of Houston and the **University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston** in the maximum contract amount of **\$90,000.00** for opioid wastewater analysis. The contract is for a one-year term.

The scope of work requires monitoring of the usage of opioids in the population from municipal wastewater. The specific goal is to expand the detection of opioids and metabolites in wastewater across communities and analyze opioid mass load and consumption rates from wastewater data.

This recommendation is made pursuant to subsection 252.022(a)(4) of the Texas Local Government Code, which provides that "a procurement for personal, professional, or planning services" is exempt from the competitive requirements for purchases.

### **MWBE Participation:**

This procurement is exempt from the City's MWBE subcontracting goals as the total project expenditure does not exceed the City's \$100,000.00 threshold.

### **Pay or Play Program:**

This procurement is exempt from the requirements of the Pay or Play Program because the services' total expenditure does not exceed the City's \$100,000.00 threshold.

### **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 a sole source contractor 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

Estimated Spending Authority			
Departments	FY2025	Out-Years	Total
Houston Health Department	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00

**Amount and Source of Funding:**

**\$90,000.00**  
Opioid Abatement Fund  
Fund No.: 2216

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Professional Service Justification	Backup Material
Letter of Insurance	Backup Material
Certification of Funds	Financial Information
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Contract No. 4600018622	Contract/Exhibit
HHD approval	Backup Material
Opioid_Wastewater_Analysis_Ord._Approv&Autho_3.18.25.docx	Ordinance/Resolution/Motion
Funding Verification Form	Financial Information