



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 7/29/2025

Item Creation Date: 7/17/2025

SR1545068891 Federal Lobbying Services

Agenda Item#: 40.

Summary:

NOT A REAL CAPTION

ORDINANCE authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP** in the maximum contract amount of \$1,337,400.00 for Federal Lobbying & Consulting Services for various departments.

Background:

Professional Services for S97-SR1545068891 - Approve an ordinance authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in the maximum contract amount of \$1,337,400.00 for Federal Lobbying & Consulting Services for various departments.

Specific Explanation:

The Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an ordinance awarding a **two-(2) year agreement, with one one-year option to Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP** in the maximum contract amount of **\$1,337,400.00** for a Federal Lobbying Services agreeen for various departments.

The Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations and the Houston Airport System's Office of Government Relations will collaborate with the vendor to identify and prepare for potential proactive legislation, track adverse legislation, and advocate for the City's position on legislative and regulatory measures that may impact all City interests.

The scope of work requires the contractor to effectively represent the city government. This includes advising and advocating on legislative, regulatory, and policy issues that are under consideration by the U.S. Congress and federal agencies. The contractor will specifically engage with various agencies, including but not limited to:

- U.S. Department of Transportation
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of State
- Department of Justice
- Department of Energy
- Department of Defense
- Commerce Department
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration

The issues addressed are expected to have significant implications for all aspects of the City's interests.

MWBE Participation:

The professional services contract is being issued with a 19% goal for MWBE participation. Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP has designated the below-named company as its certified MWBE subcontractor.

Name of Certified	Certification Type	Description of Work	% of Participation
MWBE			
REM Services, Inc.	MBE	Assisting with consulting services	19%

Pay or Play:

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 health benefits to eligible employees in compliance with City policy.


Hire Houston First:

This procurement is exempt from the City's Hire Houston First Ordinance. Bids were not solicited because the City is utilizing a Professional Services Direct Award for these services.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY2026 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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<p>Jedediah Greenfield Chief Procurement Officer</p>	<p>Department Approval Authority Signature</p>
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Estimated Spending Authority			
Department	FY2026	Out-Years	Award Amount
General Government	\$224,645.16	\$507,354.84	\$732,000.00
The Houston Airport System	\$185,400.00	\$420,000.00	\$605,400.00
Total	\$410,045.16	\$927,354.84	\$1,337,400.00

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$605,400.00 HAS Revenue Fund
Fund No: 8001

\$732,000.00 General Fund
Fund No.: 1000

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Certification of Funds HAS	Backup Material
Certification of Funds MYR	Backup Material
Professional Services Justification HAS	Backup Material
Professional Services Justification MYR	Backup Material
MWBE Verification Form	Backup Material
Drug Forms	Backup Material
Form 1295	Backup Material
Insurance	Backup Material
AM Best Rating	Backup Material
POP Forms	Backup Material
Signed coversheet	Signed Cover sheet
Funding Verification - Gen. Gov't	Financial Information
Form A - HAS	Financial Information