



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 10/14/2025

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Item Creation Date: 8/22/2025

ITB-2025-0045 - Sodium Bisulfite (Southern Ionics Incorporated) -MOTION

Agenda Item#: 3.

Background:

Formal bids received August 7, 2025, for ITB-2025-0045 - Sodium Bisulfite. Approve an award to Southern Ionics, Incorporated, in an amount not to exceed \$8,867,905.00, for the supply of sodium bisulfite for Houston Public Works.

Specific Explanation:

The Director of Houston Public Works (HPW) and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an award to **Southern Ionics, Incorporated**, on its low bid meeting specifications in an amount not to exceed **\$8,867,905.00**, for the supply of sodium bisulfite for HPW. This award is for a thirty-six (36) month period, with two (2) one (1) year options to extend.

This award consists of sodium bisulfite chemicals, which will be utilized daily at the City's wastewater treatment plants. The sodium bisulfite is used to dechlorinate wastewater effluent prior to discharge into the area bayous and streams. Sodium Bisulfite is also used in wastewater operations' chlorine scrubber systems to prevent accidental chlorine release from the City's wastewater treatment plants and satellite facilities, as required by Federal and State regulations to preserve and protect the health and safety of the citizens of Houston.

This Invitation to Bid was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the State of Texas bid laws, and as a result, two (2) bids were received as outlined below.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Southern Ionics Incorporated	\$8,867,905.00
2. Kinetic Motorwerks, LLC	\$25,049,650.00

M/WBE Participation:

This bid was issued with a 0% goal for M/WBE participation approved by the Office of Business Opportunity.

Hire Houston First:

The Proposed award requires compliance with the City's Hire Houston First (HHF) ordinance that promotes economic opportunity for Houston businesses and supports job creation. In this case, **Southern Ionics, Incorporated** does not meet the requirements for HHF designation; no HHF firms were within three percent.

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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Randall V. Macchi, Director
Houston Public Works

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ESTIMATED SPENDING AUTHORITY

Department	FY2026	Out-Years	Amount
HPW	\$1,000,000.00	\$7,867,905.00	\$8,867,905.00

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$8,867,905.00
Water and Sewer System Operating Fund
Fund No. 8300

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
2025-0045 -02 BID TAB Sodium Bisulfite	Backup Material
2025-0045 -03 Owners Information -Southern Ionics Inc	Backup Material
2025-0045 -04 Harris Co -Tax Statements- Southern Ioncs	Backup Material
2025-0045 -05 TX SOS -Southern Ionics Inc	Backup Material
2025-0045 -06 CIQ -Southern Ionics Inc	Backup Material
2025-0045 -10 Form 1295 -Southern Ionics	Backup Material
2025-0045 -07 COI with Endorsements -Southern Ionics	Backup Material
2025-0045 -08 AMBEST -Southern Ionics Inc	Backup Material
2025-0045 -09 OBO MWBE Goal Waiver	Backup Material
2025-0045 -01 FY26 FINAL COF	Financial Information