



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date: 10/18/2016

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Item Creation Date:

L26011 – Interlocal Agreement for Analytical Laboratory Testing Services - ORDINANCE

Agenda Item#: 16.

**Summary:**

**Not Real Caption**

Approve an Ordinance Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement for Analytical Laboratory Testing Services between the City of Houston and the Department of State Health Services for the Department of Public Works and Engineering.

**Background:**

S63-L26011 - Approve an Ordinance Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement for Analytical Laboratory Testing Services between the City of Houston and the Department of State Health Services for the Department of Public Works and Engineering.

**SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:**

The Director of the Department of Public Works and Engineering and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement for analytical laboratory testing services between the City and the Department of State Health Services in an amount not to exceed \$152,400.00 for a twenty one month term from **November 15, 2016 through August 31, 2018** for the Department of Public Works and Engineering. The contractor will be required to perform laboratory testing of the City's drinking water to ensure compliance with Federal, State and local regulations.

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended in 1996, authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and enforce rules and regulations that govern drinking water quality nationally. The EPA has authorized the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to administer the program in the State of Texas. The EPA and the TCEQ require that all public water systems be regularly monitored for compliance with established limits for approximately 90 regulated and up to 26 unregulated, chemical, physical, microbiological and radiological contaminants. Samples are collected from approximately 85 locations in the City of Houston's water system and analyzed either quarterly, annually, or tri-annually depending on the regulated contaminant and source of water. These certified analyses are reported to the TCEQ and the City of Houston. TCEQ, further reports to the EPA the compliance status of each system, based on these results.

The Department of State Health Services will continue testing the City's potable drinking water samples, including potable drinking water samples from other public water systems the City may acquire during the term of this Agreement, using EPA methodology and any additional analyses required by EPA or TCEQ.

This recommendation is made pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code, entitled the Interlocal Cooperation Act for exempt procurement.

**MWBE Subcontracting:**

This procurement is exempt from M/WBE subcontracting because the department is utilizing an Interlocal or Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for this purchase.

**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 an Interlocal or Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for this purchase

**Pay or Play:**

This procurement is exempt from the City's 'Pay or Play' Ordinance because the department is utilizing an Interlocal or Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for this purchase.

**Fiscal Note:**

Funding for this item is included in the FY 2017 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policy Ord. 2014-1078.

John J. Gillespie, Chief Procurement Officer  
Finance/Strategic Procurement Division

Department Approval Authority Signature

**Prior Council Action:**

**Amount of Funding:**

\$152,400.00 – Water & Sewer System Operating Fund (8300)

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

**Type**

Funding Information - Table A

Backup Material

Contract - DSHS

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