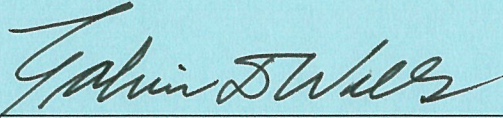


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FROM (Department or other point of origin): Calvin D. Wells City Purchasing Agent Finance Department 	Origination Date: 11/10/2014	Agenda Date
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	Council District affected: All
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For additional information contact: Dennis J. Storemski Phone: (832) 393-0875	Date and Identification of prior authorizing Council action: 7/9/2014, motion 2014-0658
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RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)
 Approve the purchase of software enhancement and support services from the General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule 70 Contract through the Cooperative Purchasing Program in the total amount of \$174,000.00 for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Award Amount: \$174,000.00

\$174,000.00 – Texas Division of Emergency Management (pass-through from DHS) (Fund 5030)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security and the City Purchasing Agent recommend that City Council approve the purchase of software enhancements and support services from the General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule 70 contract through the Cooperative Purchasing Program in the total amount of \$174,000.00 for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security and that authorization be given to issue purchase orders, as necessary, to the GSA contractor, Digital Sandbox, Inc.

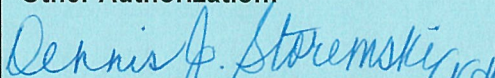
The Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security seek to enhance the Digital Sandbox system, a proprietary risk management software system that Houston administers for the 13 counties of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) region. These enhancements will expand capabilities for the police, fire and emergency management personnel by adding TIER 2 Hazmat & Dangerous Substance Catalogs and Accessibility & Functional Needs data. These improvements to the system will provide the City of Houston and H-GAC counties throughout the region additional tools to better evaluate an asset's vulnerabilities, risks and hazards. Risk-based resource allocation is required under the National Preparedness Guidelines. Furthermore, the National Infrastructure Protection Plan requires state and local governments to utilize risk management methodologies in their implementation of infrastructure protection efforts.

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 Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for this purchase.

Attachment: M/WBE Zero Percentage Goal Document approved by the Mayor's Office of Business Opportunity.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

FIN Director:	Other Authorization: 	Other Authorization:
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