



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date:

DR4332 PWE 008 - Vortex Turnkey Solutions, LLC - MOTION

Agenda Item#:

Background:

SPD-MLK-09072017-001 - Approve payment to Vortex Turnkey Solutions, LLC to address emergency disaster recovery activities due to Hurricane Harvey for Thickener area sink hole repair for the 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$286,828.00 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 payment to **Vortex Turnkey Solutions, LLC** for Thickener area sink hole repair for 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed **\$286,828.00** to address emergency disaster recovery activities due to Hurricane Harvey.

It was imperative that this sink hole be repaired, as to avoid causing an environmental health and safety hazard to both City of Houston personnel and contractors working at the plant. If flow to the thickener area increases, the sink hole could have potentially overflowed, spilling sewage resulting in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) non-compliance.

The EPO covers provisions for repairing the sink hole at the 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant. Services included rental of pumping equipment, fuel for daily pump use, and repair of the sinkhole caused by the Hurricane Harvey event. Vortex Turnkey Solutions, LLC. was selected for best quality of service as the firm could provide immediate mobilization of licensed and qualified professionals to coordinate with City personnel to remediate the sinkhole and restore the City facilities as soon as possible. Vortex Turnkey Solutions completed work on October 11, 2017.

This recommendation was made pursuant to Chapter 252, Section 252.022 (a) (2) "a procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents" of the Texas Local Government Code for exempted procurements.

M/WBE Participation:

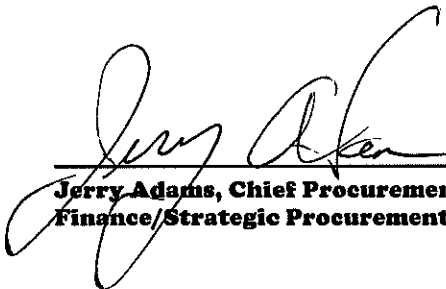
OBO approves the waiver of an M/WBE goal on this procurement because, as per Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinance, a waiver is appropriate when a public or administrative emergency exists which requires the goods or services to be provided with unusual immediacy.

Hire Houston First:

The proposed procurement may be funded by a federal grant; therefore, exempt from "Hire Houston First" (HHF) ordinance that promotes economic opportunity for Houston Business and support job creation.

Disaster Recovery Note:

This item is related to the impact of Hurricane Harvey DR4332 and it is the City's intent to seek reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") and other eligible sources for such expenditures.


Jerry Adams, Chief Procurement Officer
Finance/Strategic Procurement Division

Department Approval Authority

Amount of Funding:

\$286,828.00

Disaster Recovery Fund-CUS
Fund 8386

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