



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 12/18/2018

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S26587 – Chemical, Liquid Ammonium Sulfate - MOTION

Agenda Item#: 10.

Background:

Best Value Bids Received July 26, 2018 for S63-S26587 – Approve an award to Brenntag Southwest, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$2,127,543.32 for the supply of liquid ammonium sulfate for Houston Public Works

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Director of Houston Public Works and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an award to **Brenntag Southwest, Inc.** on its best value bid in an amount not to exceed **\$2,127,543.32** for the supply of liquid ammonium sulfate chemicals to the City of Houston Water Treatment Plants for Houston Public Works. It is further requested that authorization be given to issue purchase orders, as needed, for a **60-month period** upon approval of City Council.

This project was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the State of Texas bid laws. Thirty-three bidders downloaded the solicitation document from SPD's e-bidding website and two bids were received as outlined below:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
1. Brenntag Southwest, Inc.	\$2,127,543.32
2. Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC.	\$3,872,119.20

This award consists of approximately 17,042,275 pounds of liquid ammonium sulfate which will be utilized on a daily basis by the City's Drinking Water Operations Branch to prevent the formation of carcinogenic compounds during the treatment of potable drinking water at groundwater plants and re-pump stations located citywide. Liquid ammonium sulfate is essential to maintain compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency's water quality mandates and standards necessary to preserve and protect the public's health and safety.

M/WBE Subcontracting:

This best value bid was issued as a goal-oriented contract with a 5% goal for M/WBE participation. Brenntag Southwest, Inc. has designated the below-named company as its certified M/WBE subcontractor.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EH Transport, Inc.	Transportation	\$106,377.17

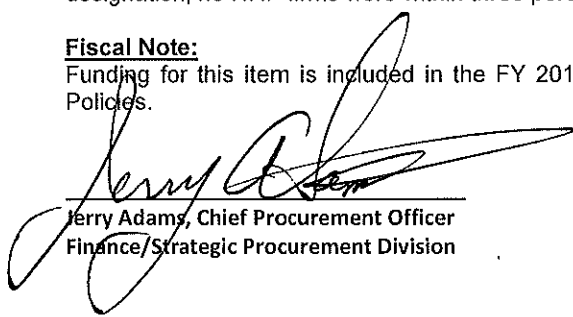
This award will be monitored by the Office of Business Opportunity.

Hire Houston First:

The proposed contract 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 Brenntag Southwest, Inc. 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 FY 2019 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.


Jerry Adams, Chief Procurement Officer
Finance/Strategic Procurement Division

Department Approval Authority

Estimated Spending Authority:

Department	FY 2019	Out Years	Total
Houston Public Works	\$239,890.00	\$1,887,653.32	\$2,127,543.32

Amount of Funding:

\$2,127,543.32 – Water & Sewer System Operating Fund (8300)

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
<u>Form A - Campaign Finance Ordinance</u>	Backup Material
<u>Form B - Campaign Finance Ordinance</u>	Backup Material
<u>Affidavit of Ownership</u>	Backup Material
<u>Funding</u>	Financial Information
<u>Award Recommendation from HPW</u>	Backup Material
<u>Bid Tabulation</u>	Backup Material