



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date:

E26605 - Computer Software Licenses, Training, and Technical Support Services -  
ORDINANCE

Agenda Item#:

**Background:**

**Sole Source for S76-E26605 - Approve an ordinance awarding a sole source contract to GE Digital LLC in the maximum contract amount not to exceed \$1,665,800.00 for Computer Software Licenses, Training, and Technical Support Services for Houston Public Works (HPW).**

**Specific Explanation:**

The Director of Houston Public Works and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve an ordinance awarding a **three year sole source contract, with two one-year options to GE Digital LLC** in the maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$1,665,800.00** for Computer Software Licenses, Training, and Technical Support Services for Houston Public Works. The Director of Houston Public Works and the Chief Procurement Officer may terminate this contract at any time upon 30 days written notice to the contractor.

The scope of work requires the contractor to provide iFIX software application licenses, training, 24/7 maintenance support services, along with software product updates, patches, and any modifications required for the operation and maintenance of the iFIX software application for HPW Wastewater Operations and Drinking Water Operation Branches Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems. The additional software being licensed under this contract will allow HPW to remain current with both operational requirements and cyber security requirements for the control systems. The iFIX software is utilized to facilitate the production of approximately (an average) 504 million gallons of drinking water and processes 250 million gallons of waste water a day by our Houston water service line. It is designed to help operational staff visualize, control, and monitor production and processing facilities. The software will run in a Windows based environment along with workstations at the wastewater control center, thirty remote wastewater treatment plants, three surface water control centers, two ground water control centers, and fifty remote groundwater treatment plants.

This is a sole source contract. Houston Public Works' control and data acquisition systems and equipment were developed and customized through the Proficy/HMI Software products. GE Digital LLC is the sole developer and licensor of this software, equipment, technology, and/or service in the marketplace, holding all proprietary, copyright, trademark, and related rights to the Proficy Software Products. No functional equivalents or alternatives are available.

This sole source recommendation is made pursuant to Chapter 252, Section 252.022 (a) (7) (A) "a procurement of items that are available from only one source, including items that are available from only one source because of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or natural monopolies" of the Texas Local Government Code for exempt procurements.

**MWBE Participation:**

Zero-percentage goal document approved by the Office of Business Opportunity.

**Pay or Play Program:**

The proposed contract requires compliance with the City's Pay or Play ordinance regarding health benefits for employees of City Contractors. In this case, the contractor provides health benefits to eligible employees in compliance with City policy.

**Hire Houston First:**

This procurement is exempt from the City's Hire Houston First Ordinance. Proposals were not solicited because the department is utilizing a sole source contractor for this purchase.

**Fiscal Note:**

Funding for this item is included in the FY2020 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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