

## CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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HPW - 20WWO869 Contract Award/Vortex Turnkey Solutions, LLC

Agenda Item#:

### **Background:**

**SUBJECT:** Contract Award for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Summary) Accept low bid, award construction contract, and appropriate funds.

**SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:** This project is part of the Neighborhood Sewer Rehabilitation Program and is required to renew/replace various deteriorated neighborhood collection systems throughout the City. The project involves wastewater collection system point repairs and pipe bursting. The purpose is to reduce sanitary sewer overflows, which is accomplished by renewal/rehabilitation of deteriorated collection systems.

The work to be performed under this contract award is necessary to maintain compliance with Houston's proposed wastewater consent decree with EPA and TCEQ.

**DESCRIPTION/SCOPE:** This project consists of wastewater collection system point repairs and pipe bursting. The contract duration for this project is 730 calendar days.

**LOCATION:** The project area is generally bounded by the City Limits.

**BIDS:** Seven (7) bids were received on September 05, 2019 for this project as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1.	Vortex Turnkey Solutions, LLC	\$1,984,339.14
2.	PM Construction & Rehab, LLC dba IPR South Central	\$2,175,979.29
3.	Lopez Utilities Contractor, LLC	\$2,282,941.23
4.	Texas Pride Utilities, LLC	\$2,438,630.27
5.	T. Construction, LLC	\$2,669,192.68
6.	To-Mex Construction, LLC	\$2,817,750.93
7.	Persons Services Corp.	\$3,575,398.00

**AWARD:** It is recommended that this construction contract be awarded to Vortex Turnkey Solutions, LLC, with a low bid of \$1,984,339.14.

**PROJECT COST:** The total cost of this project is \$2,113,556.00 to be appropriated as follows:

Bid Amount	\$1,984,339.14
Contingencies	\$99,216.86
Engineering Testing Services	\$30,000.00

Engineering Testing Services will be provided by Earth Engineering, Inc. under a previously approved contract.

**HIRE HOUSTON FIRST:** Hire Houston First does not apply to this expenditure, because it involves the use of federal funds and is subject to specific procurement rules of the federal government.

**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.

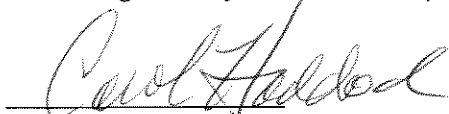
**M/WSBE PARTICIPATION:** The contractor has submitted the following proposed program to satisfy the 19.44% MBE goal, and 9.17% WBE goal for this project.

<u>MBE – Name of Firm</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
Chief Solutions, Inc.	Cleaning & Televiser Sewer Lines	\$69,436.00	3.50%
MMG Contractors LLC	Point Repairs	\$316,320.00	15.94%
	MBE TOTAL	\$385,756.00	19.44%
<u>WBE – Name of Firm</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Contract</u>
BUKU Contractor's Supply, LLC	Supplier	\$181,964.00	9.17%
	WBE TOTAL	\$181,964.00	9.17%

**FISCAL NOTE:**

No significant Fiscal Operating impact is anticipated as a result of this project.

All known rights-of-way and easements required for this project have been acquired.



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Houston Public Works

WBS# R-000266-0292-4  
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**Amount of Funding:**

\$2,113,556.00 from Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund No. 8500. This project is eligible for low interest funding through a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Equivalency loan.

**Contact Information:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
SAP Documents	Financial Information
Map	Backup Material
00452 - Contractor Submission List Campaign Finance Ordinance Form B	Backup Material
00455 - Affidavit of Ownership and Tax Report	Backup Material
Form 1295 - Certificate of Interested Parties	Backup Material
OBO Documents	Backup Material
POP Documents	Backup Material
Bid Tabulation	Backup Material
Bid Extension Letter	Backup Material