



Harris County, Texas

1001 Preston St., Suite 934
Houston, Texas 77002

Commissioners Court

Request for Court Action

File #: 21-6871

Agenda Date: 12/14/2021

Agenda #: 265.

Department: Purchasing

Department Head/Elected Official: DeWight Dopslauf

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Financial Authorization

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):

MWDBE Participation (if applicable): 0%

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Judge Lina Hidalgo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Rodney Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Adrian Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Tom S. Ramsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. R. Jack Cagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of a sole source exemption from the competitive bid requirements and a renewal option with Forerunner Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$125,000 for licensing, maintenance and support for floodplain management and Community Rating System (CRS) software for the Office of the County Engineer through September 29, 2022.

Background and Discussion:

Harris County entered into an initial agreement with Forerunner in October 2020 for Software as a Service (SaaS) for the storage, analysis and reporting of elevation certificates. The service validates accuracy and facilitates reporting to FEMA for the Community Rating Service (CRS).

Expected Impact:

To maintain current level of service as well as add additional features and enhancements. This SaaS will become the repository for all elevation certs. Enhancements to include the integration with ePemits for seamless transition of documentation. Also integrating with historical data in regard to elevation certifications for structures located in special flood hazard areas.

Alternative Options:

Forerunner is the only vendor that provides a unique suite of software that allows communities to efficiently manage their floodplain management programs, monitor aspects of compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and streamline activities related to the Community Rating System (CRS) program. Forerunner is also the only vendor that has developed software customized for the extraction of data from Elevation Certificates and for parcel-level floodplain management analysis.

Presented to Commissioners Court

Alignment with Goal(s):

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- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing

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- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☒ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): [Choose an item.](#)

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Special Flood Hazard Areas & Comm	FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures				
Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures		125K	-	-
Total Incremental Expenditures		125K	44K	225K
Funding Sources (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	General Fund	125K	44K	225K
Total Current Budget		125K	44K	225K
Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
Total Funding Sources		125K	44K	225K
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service		-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested		-	-	-
Total Personnel		-	-	-

Anticipated Implementation Date: 01/17/2022

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: Brian Scott, Manager of Information Systems, Harris County Engineering Department

Attachments (if applicable):



DeWight Dopslauf, C.P.M., CPPO
Harris County Purchasing Agent

December 2, 2021

Commissioners Court
Harris County, Texas

RE: Sole Source Exemption – Local Government Code § 262.024 (a)(7)

Members of Commissioners Court:

Please approve a sole source exemption from the competitive bid requirements and the first of four (4) renewal options for the following:

Description: Licensing, Maintenance and Support for Floodplain Management and Community Rating System (CRS) software for the Office of the County Engineer

Vendor: Forerunner Industries, Inc.

Term: through September 29, 2022

Amount: \$125,000

Reviewed by: • Harris County Purchasing • Office of the County Engineer

The Office of the Harris County Purchasing Agent has confirmed the sole source exemption. Purchase order(s) will be issued upon Commissioners Court approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DeWight Dopslauf".

DeWight Dopslauf
Purchasing Agent

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cc: Office of the County Engineer
Vendor

FOR INCLUSION ON COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA DECEMBER 14, 2021