



Harris County, Texas

1001 Preston St., Suite 934
Houston, Texas 77002

Request for Court Action

Commissioners Court

File #: 21-5422

Agenda Date: 10/12/2021

Agenda #: 217.

Department: Purchasing

Department Head/Elected Official: DeWight Dopslauf

YES NO ABSTAIN

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Judge Lina Hidalgo

Type of Request: Contract - Award

Comm. Rodney Ellis

Project ID (if applicable):

Comm. Adrian Garcia

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):

Comm. Tom S. Ramsey

MWDBE Participation (if applicable):

Comm. R. Jack Cagle

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of an award on the basis of best proposal meeting requirements and that the County Judge execute agreements with Energy Edge Consulting, LLC, and TFS Energy Solutions LLC, dba Tradition Energy for energy consulting for market research, risk management, sustainability and procurement solutions for Harris County for the period of October 12, 2021 - October 11, 2022, with four one-year renewal options (200367).

Background and Discussion:

Harris County has purchased energy from Public Power Pool (P3) since [2002]. P3 is a non-profit power aggregator formed in 2000 to purchase power for Texas public entities. Harris County had been the largest single member of P3 since the organization's inception. On October 20, 2020, Commissioner's Court voted to opt out of the proposed P3 procurement that begins in 2023. Court formed a workgroup to determine the next steps for energy procurement with a focus on sustainability and renewable energy.

The energy workgroup launched a formal RFP for energy services and consulting in early 2021. The committee for this procurement consisted of representatives from Commissioner Precincts 1-4, the County Judge's Office, Budget Management, and Facilities & Property Management (FPM). The committee ultimately chose to split the award between two firms with one taking the lead on the development of a comprehensive energy strategy as well as evaluating distributed energy projects while the other will lead the energy procurement process.

Expected Impact:

The two firms awarded the contract will develop a comprehensive energy strategy and procure a long-term energy contract for Harris County. This energy contract should be priced to market and encourage the development of new renewable energy resources on the Texas electricity grid.

Alternative Options:

Presented to Commissioners Court

Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- X Environment
- X Governance and Customer Service

October 12, 2021

Approve: R/E

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
10/20/2020	II	Establishment of energy working group and County declined to participate in P3s 2023 procurement.

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Building Utilities Fund (Electricity)	FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures				
Labor Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures	120K	30K	-	-
Total Incremental Expenditures	120K	30K	-	-
Funding Sources (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget	General Fund	120K	30K	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Budget		120K	30K	-
Additional Budget Requested	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested				-

Total Funding Sources	120K	30K	-
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Implementation Date: October 19, 2021

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

Contact(s) name, title, department: Jesse Dickerman, Chief of Staff, Office of County Administration

Attachments (if applicable):



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

October 04, 2021

Commissioners Court
Harris County, Texas

RE: Job No. 200367

Members of Commissioners Court:

Please approve the award on the basis of best proposal meeting requirements and the attached Order(s) authorizing the County Judge to execute the attached Agreement(s) for the following:

Description: Energy Consulting for Market Research, Risk Management, Sustainability and Procurement Solutions for Harris County

Proposal(s)

Received: Nineteen (19) on February 08, 2021 (see attached)

Vendor(s):

Energy Edge Consulting, LLC
TFS Energy Solutions LLC, dba Tradition Energy

Term:

October 12, 2021 - October 11, 2022 with four (4) one-year renewal options

Amount:

See confidential attachment

Evaluated By: • Evaluation Committee • Harris County Purchasing

Purchase order(s) will be issued upon Commissioners Court approval.

Sincerely,

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

DeWight Dopslauf
Purchasing Agent

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Attachment(s)

cc: Vendor(s) w/o attachment(s)

FOR INCLUSION ON COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA OCTOBER 12, 2021

