



Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Type:** Negotiation      **Status:** Passed

**File created:** 3/27/2025      **In control:** Commissioners Court

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**Title:** Request for approval on the basis of highest overall evaluation and authorize negotiations with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for professional architectural and/or engineering services to provide an overflow analysis of Cypress Creek for the Flood Control District, and the county, at its sole discretion, may discontinue negotiations and proceed to negotiate with the next ranking vendor(s) if unable to agree on an executable contract (240403), MWBE Contracted Goal: 18.35%.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:**

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
4/10/2025	1	Commissioners Court		

**Primary Department:** Purchasing  
**Primary Department Head/Elected Official:** Paige McInnis

**Secondary Department:** Flood Control District  
**Secondary Department Head/Elected Official:** Tina Petersen

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA  
**Type of Request:** Negotiation

**Project ID (if applicable):** 240403  
**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** Freese and Nichols, Inc.

**MWBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** 18.35%  
**MWBE Current Participation (if applicable):** N/A  
**Justification for 0% MWBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal is not 0% and is listed above

**Grant Indirect Costs Rate (if applicable):**  
**Justification for 0% Grant Indirect Costs Rate (if applicable):** Choose an item.

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**  
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**Background and Discussion:**

The Harris County Flood Control District (District) and Harris County Purchasing have completed a review of the seven Statement of Qualifications on the above referenced project. The Evaluation Committee Panel reviewed and ranked all responses submitted by each firm based on the services they provide. Based on the results of our review, the Flood Control District request authorization to negotiate with the selected firm Freese and Nichols, Inc., on the basis of best overall evaluation for RFSQ - Professional Engineering Services for the Cypress Creek Overflow Analysis.

**Expected Impact:**

It is expected to impact the project schedule, scope, costs, and grant administration deadline.

**Alternative Options:**

If this court action is not authorized, the alternative would be re-select a different engineering firm, the Flood Control District recommends firm that was ranked the next highest be selected for negotiation.

**County Strategic Plan Goal:** 5. Minimize the impact of climate change and disasters.

**County Strategic Plan Objective:** H: Improve the condition and resilience of County transportation, flood control, and other infrastructure.

**Justice/Safety Initiative (Goal 1):** Choose an item.

**Infrastructure Initiative (Goal 2):** H1: Complete and implement the Flood Resilience Plan.

**Economy Initiative (Goal 3):** Choose an item.

**Health Initiative (Goal 4):** Choose an item.

**Climate/Resilience Initiative (Goal 5):** Choose an item.

**Housing Initiative (Goal 6):** Choose an item.

**Additional notes related to the Strategic Plan:**

**Prior Court Action (if any):** N/A

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**Location:**

Address (if applicable): Upper Cypress Creek, Addicks Reservoir, and Barker Reservoir watersheds

Precinct(s): [Precincts 3 & 4](#)

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	4.a.3 - Engineering Services			
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expense
<b>Funding Sources</b>				
<b>Existing Budget</b>				

Grant	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Existing Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Additional Budget Request</b> ( <i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i> )				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Grants - Proposed Budget</b>				
	<b>Labor</b>	<b>Non-Labor</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>No. of Grant Years</b>
Local Match Source - Existing Budget	\$	\$	\$	
Local Match Source - Additional	\$	\$	\$	
Grant Funds Applied for/Awarded	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Personnel</b> ( <i>Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs</i> )				
Current Position Count for Services	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date: April 10, 2025**

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):**

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** [Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item](#)

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**Attachments** (if applicable): Letter