



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 24-1331, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Economic Equity and Opportunity

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Estella Gonzalez, Executive Director

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Interlocal Agreement

**Project ID** (if applicable):

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name** (if applicable):

**MWDBE Contracted Goal** (if applicable):

**MWDBE Current Participation** (if applicable):

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

### **Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request by the Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity for approval to amend the contract term of the joint interlocal agreement with Alief Independent School District, Aldine Independent School District, and Spring Independent School District to conduct a localized disparity study regarding the utilization of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs).

### **Background and Discussion:**

On August 8, 2023, the Court approved the awarding of Aldine ISD, Alief ISD, and Spring ISD up to \$200,000 per District for a total of \$600,000, and the original Agreement had a term of 24 months. All Parties understood that Aldine ISD, Alief ISD, and Spring ISD would procure, select, and award a contract to a single vendor that would conduct a disparity study for each of the three school districts and report its findings and recommendations. Each ISD would pay for one-third of the total cost associated with the studies. The original Agreement required the vendor to complete the study within 12 months.

After completing the procurement process and selecting the vendor for the studies, the ISDs requested a 12-month extension of the contract term without additional funding to accommodate the vendor's needs and the school districts' schedule in terms of completion of the studies and implementation of policies. Specifically, the amended Agreement requires the completion of the study within 24 months (i.e., by August 2025) and adopted policy and procedures to be in place to address identified racial and/or gender-based disparities (if any are found) within 36 months (i.e., by August 2026).

### **Expected Impact:**

By amending the contract term, the selected vendor will be able to provide more comprehensive findings and recommendations to the school districts. Upon completing the disparity study, Alief, Spring, and Aldine ISD will act in good faith to review the study's findings and implement strategies to remedy any disparities found.

**Alternative Options:**

The court can choose not to amend the Agreement, and Alief, Spring, and Aldine ISD will be unable to complete the disparity studies in their entirety within the original timeframe.

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

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

**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
11/30/2023		Approved creation of the Disparity Study Fund
4/5/2024	229	Approved the program design for the Disparit
5/24/2024	247	Approved the allocation of \$2M to the Harris
1/31/2024	421	Approved the Interlocal Agreement with Lone
8/8/2024	14	Approved the Interlocal Agreements with Ald

**Location:**

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
<b>Funding Sources</b>				
<b>Existing Budget</b>				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)</b>				

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Request</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date: March 26, 2024**

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): March 26, 2024**

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** COVID-19 related item

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**Attachments** (if applicable): Aldine-Alief-Spring ISD Interlocal First Amendment Agreement (Confidential); Approved Aldine-Alief-Spring ISD Interlocal Agreement (Confidential)