



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2412, **Version:** 1

Department: Purchasing

Department Head/Elected Official: DeWight Dopslauf

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Renewal

Project ID (if applicable): 230053

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): DRC Emergency Services, LLC (Primary); AshBritt, Inc. (Secondary)

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): 20%

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): 8.06%

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal is not 0% and is listed above

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of a renewal option with DRC Emergency Services, LLC (Primary); and AshBritt, Inc. (Secondary) for emergency services for debris clearing, removal, disposal, and operation of temporary debris staging and reduction sites for Harris County for the period of June 6, 2024 - June 5, 2025, at a cost of \$57,898,936, and for the County Clerk to execute any applicable bonds to be received (230053), MWDBE Contracted Goal: 20%, MWDBE Current Participation: 8.06%.

Background and Discussion:

Following a disaster, the Office of the County Engineer is tasked to remove debris from the Right of Way (ROW) and conduct route clearance in the Harris County Integrated Emergency Management Plan. This effort supports the Precincts who have primary responsibility. Route clearance and debris management is the first and most-visible sign of post-disaster recovery.

The debris hauler contract is a \$0 contract (contract value is \$56,047,881). The contractor does not mobilize until Commissioners Court approves funds; this is often done during an emergency court session following a disaster. If a Federal Disaster Declaration occurs, the contract is reimbursable by FEMA.

DRC mobilized in June, 2023, to support Precinct 1 debris management efforts in northern Harris County following a microburst. DRC was onsite picking up debris within 48 hours of the incident; Commissioner Ellis praised the OCE on the quick response. DRC did not meet its MWBE goal (19%) for this small event due to tipping costs being approximately half of the total cost. DEEO recommended renewal.

Recent County mobilizations

Event	Debris	Cost (approx)
Hurricane Ike	2.4M CY	\$54M
Tax Day Flood	42,000 CY	\$730,000

Hurricane Harvey	1.2M CY	\$35M
Tropical Storm Imelda	16,000 CY	\$630,000

Expected Impact:

If the contract is not renewed, Harris County will enter the 2024 hurricane season without a method to support Precinct debris operations. This will significantly impact the pace of recovery for the County and its residents.

Alternative Options:

There are no alternative options.

Alignment with Goal(s):

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

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
06/06/2023		Contract award

Location: N/A

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$

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

Anticipated Court Date: April 23, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): June 6, 2024

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Disaster Recovery related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Letter