



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2082, **Version:** 1

Department: Economic Equity and Opportunity

Department Head/Elected Official: Estella Gonzalez, Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Contract - Award

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

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 of a Data Use Agreement between Harris County, Geocko, Inc. DBA FORWARD, and Elite Research, LLC at no cost to the county.

Background and Discussion:

On June 6, 2023, the Commissioners Court entered into a master agreement with Geocko, Inc. DBA FORWARD to administer accelerator grants, including the application and data platform for the Harris Hub program.

On March 14, 2023, the Commissioners Court approved an order authorizing an award to Elite Research, LLC, for a comprehensive evaluation of the Harris Hub program.

This Data Use Agreement prevails over the data generated in the Harris Hub program. Under the agreement, the Data shall be exchanged between the Parties at no cost for the purpose of aggregating and analyzing the entirety of program data in relation to aspects including but not limited to program service, program beneficiaries, and program impact. Such aggregation and subsequent analysis maximize the programmatic evaluation goals set forth by Harris County for the Harris Hub program.

Expected Impact:

Approval of the Data Use Agreement will allow the vendors to use and share the programmatic data as needed to fulfill the program's performance and evaluation goals set forth by the County for this small business assistance program. Ultimately, the program data and analysis will be used to help improve capacity-building programs that serve the small business community in Harris County.

Alternative Options:

Failure to approve the Data Use Agreement between Harris County, Geocko, Inc. DBA FORWARD, and Elite Research, LLC will limit the vendors' ability to implement the Harris Hub program.

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
3/14/2023	23-1411	Approved an order authorizing the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$599,251 for a comprehensive program evaluation of Harris Hub, as a subaward of the agreement with Elite Research, LLC.
6/6/2023	23-3325	Approved an award on the basis of best proposal meeting requirements and agreement(s) with BakerRipley; Geocko, Inc. DBA FORWARD; and Roads Consulting Group, LLC for small business technical assistance and administering accelerator grants for the period of June 6, 2023 - June 6, 2026 (Project ID: 220392)
11/14/2023	23-6586	Approved an amendment to an agreement with Geocko, Inc. DBA FORWARD to replace and update dollar amounts on a certain Exhibit for small business technical assistance and administer accelerator grants for the Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity for the period of June 6, 2023 - June 6, 2026, at no additional cost to the county (Project ID: 220392).

Location:

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): April 23, 2024

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): PDF of Data Use Agreement