



Pre-Bid for Furnish, Install and Remove LED Holiday Tree Lights

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MWBE GOALS

This contract is being advertised with a 2 % MWBE goal. The successful proposer will need to provide the City with a list of the firms they will utilize to meet the listed goal. You should provide to the City the company's name, what work they will perform and the % of the MWBE goal you will achieve with them if the contract is awarded.



Hire Houston First

Hire Houston First is a policy implemented by the City of Houston to award contracts to local companies over non local companies when the contract under certain conditions.

HHF is a designation given to local companies that allow them preference at award time if they fall within the following ranges:

Low Bid Contracts Over \$100,000.00 in purchasing any personal property that is not affixed to real property, If the city receives one or more bids from a bidder that is a city business and whose bid is within three (3) % of the lowest bid received by the city from a bidder who is not a city business.



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Low Bid Contracts under \$100,000.00 in purchasing any personal property that is not affixed to real property, If the city receives one or more bids from a bidder that is a city business and whose bid is within five (5) % of the lowest bid received by the city from a bidder who is not a city business.



Pay or Play

The Pay or Play program was established by Ordinance 2007-534 on July 1, 2007 and is governed by Executive Order 1-7 which mandates contractors to the following:

Contribute prescribed amounts to the “Contractor’s Responsibility Fund” to defray associated cost of uninsured citizens of the Houston and Harris County area (Pay) OR;

Provide a minimum level of healthcare coverage to their employees. (Play)

Create a more level playing field among competing Contractors.

Enhance fairness in the competition for Contracts between bidders that choose to offer health benefits to their workforce and those who do not.

Recognize and account for the fact that there are costs associated with the health care of the uninsured



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Prime and Subcontractor Participation for MWBE Credit

MWBE Primes may utilize a portion of their self-performance to meet up to 50% of the total advertised goal.

Subcontractors only receive goal credit for work they perform in which they are performing a commercially useful function (CUF).

Credit for work subcontracted by a goal credit MWBE firm to a non-certified firm (2nd tier subcontractor) will not count towards the MWSBE goal.

Credit for work subcontracted by a goal credit MWBE firm to another certified firm may not be counted if, after award, they do not perform a CUF.



Good Faith Efforts

If you are unable to meet the goal fully then you can submit to the City your efforts to meet the goal and ask that your “Good Faith Efforts” be evaluated. If you are using this option, then we ask that you start documenting all the things your company did to find MWBE participation and the results of your search so that your efforts can be evaluated.

A copy of the Good Faith Efforts Policy can be found in Section 808 in the Project Manual



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Certified Firm Directory

If the prime needs assistance in locating certified firms they can utilize the Online Directory.

This will allow you to search for firms certified in the areas where subcontracting opportunities exist using descriptions, NAICS codes or company names.

The Directory can be accessed from the City's home page.

<https://houston.mwdbe.com/FrontEnd/searchcertifieddirectory.asp>



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Final Questions

If there are any questions not answered, please put them in writing and email them to me listed in the solicitation and a representative from OBO will provide a written response to you that will be available to all the attendees of the Pre Bid Meeting.



Thank You.

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