

HOUSTON- GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TO: H-GAC Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Board Report

FROM: Chuck Wemple

DATE: September 14, 2021

We will be meeting in a hybrid setting next week as we balance the recent increases in COVID cases and hospitalizations with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. My hope is that we will be back together in person soon when this latest wave recedes.

One very important change regarding hybrid meetings - the Open Meetings Act stipulations for hybrid meetings require the presiding officers for the Budget and Finance Committee and Board meeting to conduct the meetings in-person onsite at the primary meeting location of 3555 Timmons Lane in Houston.

A note on logistics for our meeting next week - We can accommodate a small number of Board members attending in person. In addition to the two presiding officers mentioned above, we can have up to five additional Board Members attend in person. We will need to adhere to this cap for now, so please let me or Michelle Anderson know if you plan to attend in person this month. All other Board members will attend virtually. I'll be there in person along with a few members of the H-GAC team. We will also have an option for a limited number of members of the public to attend in person. All other participants will participate virtually. The September 2021 Board packet is attached for your review. A summary is included below.

Special Presentations – Earlier this summer we started a new information series where we invite elected officials who serve on key State and Federal Committees to provide updates on important items that affect our agency programs and region. Our July presentation included State Representative and Transportation Committee Vice-Chair Ed Thompson. This month we have U.S. Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher lined up to talk about the importance of infrastructure funding for our region.

The Office of the Texas Attorney General will present information regarding the Global Opioid Settlement, and how local governments can join with the State to increase opioid settlement funding awarded to Texas and help mitigate this unfortunate crisis.

Consent Agenda – The consent agenda includes thirteen items that are routine, continuation of ongoing activities, and/or opportunities to expand our service to the region. The combined items represent almost \$9.9 million in contracts.

We are prepared to renew our agreement with the Governor's Office and continue our homeland security and criminal justice grant programs. Our team works closely with the board-appointed advisory committees to establish regional priorities and assist local governments in securing public safety funding. Total amount \$335,140.

We are recommending continuation of our contract to collect high resolution aerial imagery across the 13-county region. Our regional initiative works on a cost-sharing model and produces exceptional aerial photography that can assist in emergency response, land use planning, and infrastructure projects. Total amount of \$951,000.

The Economic Development Administration is ready to provide additional funding to our highly successful disaster-recovery loan program. The program provides low-interest gap financing for businesses that create jobs. Total amount of \$1,121,000.

We are recommending continuation of the Tow and Go Program with Harris County. The program continues to provide traffic congestion relief via quick removal of stalled vehicles. Total amount of \$6,548,000.

The consent agenda also includes continuation of an HGACBuy product line, technology upgrades for our workforce system, our 39th Livable Centers project, a Clean Vehicles replacement contract, migrating our IT system to the cloud, Title VI compliance, and approval of the August 2021 Board Meeting minutes.

Finance and Budget Committee – will meet at **9:15 a.m.** to consider the monthly financial report and other finance-related items on the Board agenda. Members of the committee will receive a committee agenda and meeting notice, in addition to the general Board packet. The presiding officer will conduct the meeting in-person at the H-GAC office.

Human Services – has two items this month. We have an excellent opportunity to partner with the Houston Housing Authority for a workforce development project called JOBS PLUS at Oxford Place Apartments. The project will include establishing a consistent workforce development presence at Oxford Place with a goal of providing at least 284 individuals access to temporary, seasonal and permanent employment; adult literacy and basic education; skills education; and transportation, childcare, and work-related financial aid. Total amount is \$540,000.

We are also recommending continuing our agreement with ProSource Solutions, Inc. to serve as a payrolling contractor for Vocational Rehabilitation Services customers participating in work experience services. We anticipate serving 700 individuals with disabilities find meaningful work and establish careers. Total amount \$2,025,000.

Community & Environmental Planning – has two items this month. The first item is the Regional Broadband Action Plan which includes a Regional Broadband Market Analysis & Feasibility Study. Total amount is \$550,000. The second item is a contract with the Texas General Land Office

to support H-GAC's work in developing a Method of Distribution for \$488,000,000 in federal mitigation funds. Total amount is \$105,400.

Plans and Projects Review Committee — will meet at **8:15 a.m.** to consider possible recommendations to the Board on two items. The Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill is seeking to amend its existing permit with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. H-GAC staff have reviewed the amendment in accordance with our regional solid waste management plan.

The Port of Houston is applying for a \$8,400,000 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to repower two existing tugboats with cleaner technology. The tugs are owned by a project partner that operates within the Houston Ship Channel.

Water Resources Committee – is recommending the Board increase the priority ranking of the Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou Flood Mitigation Plan Study on H-GAC's Priority Flood Mitigation Projects List.

H-GAC Advisory Committee Appointments – are made by H-GAC's Board as a whole, based upon nominations from individual Board members and other groups. This month we have two nominations to the Natural Resources Advisory Committee and Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council for your consideration.

Special Committee on H-GAC Board Composition – will report out on their August 25 meeting to discuss regional growth, board composition, and voting options.

Spotlight – Our spotlight this month will focus on our work to improve the ability for agencies within our region to communicate during emergency situations.

I appreciate your engagement and deliberation on the important action items before us. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the agenda items.



AGENDA HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING September 21, 2021 10:00 AM 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room 2B Houston, TX 77027

Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN nsOA JvdRkObevwXMM4NXA

- 1. INVOCATION
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - a. <u>CONGRESSWOMAN LIZZIE FLETCHER THE IMPORTANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE</u>

Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher, TX-7, will provide an update on the proposed Infrastructure legislation. For information only. No action requested.

b. <u>OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL – GLOBAL OPIOID</u> SETTLEMENT

For information only. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT Members of the public may participate by registering to attend onsite; by sending comments to BoardPublicComments@h-gac.com; by joining online via our website; or by dialing 1-877-853-5247 or 1-888-788-0099 (Meeting ID 834 4587 2100; Participant ID 480569; Passcode 011717)
- 5. <u>DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</u>

ACTION

6. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

Items listed are of a routine nature and may be acted on in a single motion unless requested otherwise by a member of the Board.

- a. <u>H-GAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 17, 2021</u>
 - Request approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2021 H-GAC Board Meeting. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)
- b. <u>HGACBUY ALL HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS, PLANNING,</u> CONSULTING, AND RECOVERY SERVICES
 - Request authorization to negotiate a contract with each respondent listed in the Contract Award Recommendation Table for all hazards preparedness, planning, consulting, and recovery services. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)
- c. FISCAL YEAR 2022 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

Request authorization to contract with the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office in the amount of \$335,140. (Staff Contact: Larry Smith)

d. <u>REGIONAL AERIAL AND REMOTE SENSING DATA</u>

Request authorization to extend the current aerial imagery contract for an

additional two years with Surdex Corporation to deliver digital aerial imagery data products and services for a total amount of \$951,000. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)

e. <u>AGENCY CLOUD MIGRATION CONSULTANT</u>

Request authorization to negotiate a contract with the recommended proposers in order ranked for the planning, analysis, and development of H-GAC cloud migration strategy and roadmap in the amount of \$240,000. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)

f. WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ENTERPRISE ZOOM MEETING LICENSES

Request approval to purchase 500 meeting and 20 webinar licenses with CDW for a one year prepay of total contract amount of \$93,750. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)

g. WORKFORCE SYSTEM WEBSITE CONTRACT

Request approval to renew vendor agreement with the Ingenuix Corporation to continue managing the Workforce Solutions website in the amount of \$87,000. (Staff Contact: Mike Temple)

h. WORKFORCE SYSTEM CONTRACT ONLINE APPLICATION

Request approval to contract with Ingenuix Corporation for programming updates to the online financial aid application and participation in the 30-hour monthly website development service; combined total is \$62,750. (Staff Contact: Mike Temple)

i. CARES ACT LOAN FUNDING

Request authorization to execute contract with the Economic Development Administration on behalf of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District; total amount of \$1,121,000. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)

j. <u>OST/PALM CENTER LIVABLE CENTERS STUDY</u>

Request authorization to contract with firms in order ranked to conduct Livable Centers Study for the Greater Southeast Management District; total amount of \$241,680. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

k. <u>TITLE VI PROGRAM</u>

Request approval of the H-GAC's Title VI Program. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

1. TOW AND GO PROGRAM – AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY

Request authorization to enter into interlocal agreements with Harris County in the amount of \$6,548,000 for the Tow and Go Program. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

m. <u>CLEAN VEHICLES AND HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL REPLACEMENT</u> ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Request authorization of agreements for the acquisition of one new truck in the amount of \$178,255. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

7. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Report on activities and Committee recommendations.

a. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2021

Request approval of the monthly financial report ending August 31, 2021. (Staff

Contact: Nancy Haussler)

8. HUMAN SERVICES

a. WORKFORCE AGREEMENT – HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Request approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with Houston Housing Authority for workforce development services in the amount of \$540,000 for the grant period of 54 months. (Staff Contact: Mike Temple)

b. WORKFORCE PAYROLL CONTRACT

Request authorization to renew the contract with ProSource Solutions Inc. through September 30, 2022, for up to \$2,025,000 in funding for work experience services to 700 individuals with disabilities. (Staff Contact: Mike Temple)

9. <u>COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING</u>

a. <u>REGIONAL BROADBAND ACTION PLAN</u>

Request approval to apply for a grant to develop a Regional Broadband Market Analysis & Feasibility Study for an amount of \$550,000. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

b. <u>CONTRACT WITH TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE</u>

Request authorization to negotiate a contract with the Texas General Land Office to develop the Method of Distribution for a total amount of \$105,400. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

10. PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

a. SPRINT FORT BEND COUNTY LANDFILL

Request the project be found consistent with comments with plans, policies and H-GAC review criteria. (Staff Contact: Erin Livingston)

b. <u>DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION GRANTS PORT HOUSTON CLEAN</u> DIESEL GRANT APPLICATION

Request that the project proposed by Port Houston for \$8,400,000 be found consistent with plans, policies, and H-GAC review criteria. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

11. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

a. <u>WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE UPDATE</u>

Request approval of Water Resources Committee to H-GAC Priority Flood Mitigation Projects List. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

12. H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

a. H-GAC 2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Request approval of appointments to H-GAC advisory committees. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

INFORMATION

13. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON H-GAC BOARD COMPOSITION

a. <u>SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT – H-GAC BOARD COMPOSITION</u>

Report from Special Committee on H-GAC Board Composition. No action requested. For information only. (Contact: Chair, Commissioner Adrian Garcia)

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. <u>H-GAC SPOTLIGHT – IMPROVING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS IN</u> <u>THE REGION</u>

No action requested. For information only. (Staff Contact: Justin Riley)

b. <u>CURRENT AND UPCOMING H-GAC ACTIVITIES</u>

Report on current and upcoming H-GAC activities. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

15. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, H-GAC will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending H-GAC functions. Requests should be received by H-GAC 24 hours prior to the function.

CONGRESSWOMAN LIZZIE FLETCHER – THE IMPORTANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Background

N/A

Current Situation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

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OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL - GLOBAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Background

Texas, along with a broad coalition of states and subdivisions, has reached final agreements with four companies to resolve legal claims against for their role in the opioid crisis. One agreement is with opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson. The other is three major pharmaceutical distributors: AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson.

Current Situation

The Office of the Texas Attorney General would like to share information regarding the opioid settlement and what it means for cities and counties within the H-GAC region.

For more information, please contact Ms. Amanda Sanders at Amanda.Sanders@oag.texas.gov or 512-936-1861.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

For information only. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

ATTACHMENTS:

Summary of Proposed Opioid Settlement Cover Memo



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FINANCIAL TERMS

The two agreements provide for \$26 billion in payments over 18 years, with \$23.9 billion available for opioid abatement and significant amounts front loaded. Funding will be distributed to states according to the allocation agreement reached among the Attorneys General. Subdivisions can only participate in the agreement if their state participates. Texas' combined share is almost \$1.5 billion: \$1.17 billion from the distributors and \$268 million from J&J. Distribution within Texas is handled through an intrastate agreement between the state and litigating subdivisions. The funding must be used to support any of a wide variety of strategies to fight the opioid crisis. Separate provisions exist to compensate attorneys who have pursued opioid litigation on behalf of states and local governments.

Once the state agrees to participate, then the more subdivisions that join, the more money everyone in Texas will receive. Future opioid litigation may result in suspension and reduction of

payments. Even without full resolution of claims, states and subdivisions can still receive substantial payments by resolving a significant portion of current and future claims.

INJUNCTIVE TERMS

Both agreements both contain industry-changing injunctive terms. The distributors will be subject to more oversight and accountability, including an independent monitor, to prevent deliveries of opioids to pharmacies where diversion and misuse occur. They will be required to establish and fund an independent clearinghouse to track opioid distribution nationwide and flag suspicious orders. J&J will be prohibited from selling or promoting opioids.

HOW TO JOIN

To adopt the settlement and allocation schedule, you need to:

- . sign the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form;
- 2. adopt the Texas Term Sheet and its intrastate allocation schedule;
- 3. return both to opioids@oag.texas.gov.

The deadline for states to sign on is August 21, 2021. Subdivisions in participating states then have through January 2, 2022, to join.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT: www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/globalopioidsettlement

H-GAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 17, 2021

Background

The H-GAC Board of Directors convenes on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Meeting minutes are prepared following each Board meeting to summarize any action taken and document the attendance of Board members.

Current Situation

A summary of the August 17 meeting of the H-GAC Board of Directors is attached and recommended for approval.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2021 H-GAC Board Meeting. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

ATTACHMENTS:

Board Meeting Minutes - August 17, 2021
 Cover Memo

MEETING MINUTES H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS August 17, 2021

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The following members of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) attended all or a portion of the August 17, 2021 Board meeting, via webinar and/or teleconference:

Brazoria County Commissioner Stacy Adams Chambers County Commissioner Mark Tice Colorado County Judge Ty Prause Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers

Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald Walker County Commissioner Jimmy Henry Waller County Judge Trey Duhon

City of Baytown Council Member Charles Johnson

City of Conroe Mayor Pro Tem Raymond McDonald

City of Friendswood Councilmember Sally Branson

City of Galveston Mayor Dr. Craig Brown City of Houston Council Member Sallie Alcorn

City of Huntsville Mayor Andy Brauninger

City of La Porte Councilman Chuck Engelken City of Lake Jackson Mayor Gerald Roznovsky City of League City Council Member Larry Millican

City of Missouri City Council Member Jeffrey Boney

City of Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole City of Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman

Home Rule Cities (Less than 25,000): City of Dickinson Councilmember William King III

City of Sealy Mayor Carolyn Bilski

General Law Cities:

City of Waller Council Member Nancy Arnold

City of Pattison Mayor Joe Garcia

Independent School Districts: Huntsville ISD Trustee Rissie Owens

The following Board members were not marked in attendance at the August 17, 2021 Board meeting:

Austin County Judge Tim Lapham Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo Liberty County Judge Jay Knight Montgomery County Commissioner Charlie Riley

Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath

City of Deer Park Council Member Bill Patterson

City of Houston Council Member Letitia Plummer

City of Pasadena Councilmember Cary Bass City of Rosenberg Mayor Kevin Raines

City of Texas City Commissioner Jami Clark

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair Elect, City of Dickinson Mayor Pro Tem William King, III, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 via webinar and teleconference at 1-877-853-5247.

ROLL CALL

Chair Elect King asked Rick Guerrero, Houston-Galveston Area Council Director of Intergovernmental Relations, to conduct the Board of Directors roll call. Mr. Guerrero conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present. Mr. Guerrero then welcomed several special guests, including City of Prairie View Mayor Brian Rowland; Brooke Bacuetes, Randall Lee Freeze and Melissa Washington from the Texas General Land Office; Hudson Petersen and Jay Guerrero from Senator John Cornyn's office; Kaaren Cambio from Representative Dan Crenshaw's office; and Houston ISD Superintendent Millard House II. H-GAC Board Alternate from the City of Sugar Land, Councilmember Stewart Jacobson, was also in attendance.

1. INVOCATION

Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers gave the invocation.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Elect King invited comments from any members of the public who wished to participate during the call and asked Mr. Guerrero if any public comments had been received via email prior to the meeting. Mr. Guerrero stated that we had not received any public comments via the email address posted publicly. He then opened the floor for public comments to those who had joined the meeting via webinar or teleconference. Mr. Guerrero announced if there was anyone on the line who would like to make a public comment, they could do so now by stating their name and they would have three minutes to make a public comment. He asked them to unmute their microphones at that time. There were no public comments.

4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chair Elect King called for any Board member with a conflict of interest to declare it at that time. Hearing none, Chair Elect King proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Elect King called for the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he entertained motions from the floor for approval of the four items on the Consent Agenda.

Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda and City of Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman seconded the motion. Chair Elect King then called for a vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

The following items were acted on by approval of the consent agenda:

- **a.** H-GAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 20, 2021 approved the minutes of the July 20, 2021 H-GAC Board Meeting.
- **b. WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE** accepted the fiscal year 2021 Water Quality Management Plan Update.
- **c. WORKFORCE COMPASS CONTRACT** approved to contract with the National Association of Workforce Boards for \$75,000 to develop and use the Workforce Compass platform.
- **d. WORKFORCE PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACTS** approved for staff to negotiate second-year contracts with Savage Design and Outreach Strategists for total amount of \$900,000.

6. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

a. Monthly Financial Report – July 2021

Vice Chair Kenneth Clark recognized Nancy Haussler, H-GAC Chief Financial Officer, to present the financial report for July. Ms. Haussler stated that membership dues were almost complete with a few outstanding, but in comparison to last month we were nearing full completion of collection.

The Gulf Coast 9-1-1 fee revenue was slightly up and our interest income is substantially down. The Cooperative Purchasing program is still slightly behind at this point, but she anticipates they will meet their projection revenue by end of year.

Ms. Haussler completed her report by stating the federal grant revenue is a matter of timing, and we would probably receive those revenues next year as opposed to this year.

Ms. Haussler asked if there were any questions on the Financial Report. There being none, City of Friendswood Council Member Sally Branson moved to approve, and Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion. Vice Chair Clark called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

b. Investment Report – 2nd Quarter 2021

Vice Chair Clark again yielded the floor to Nancy Haussler to present the 2021 second quarterly investment report ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Haussler began by stating we are required under the Public Funds Investment Act to present our investment report to the board on a quarterly basis. On the provided report H-GAC has funds that are in certificates of deposit, which are not needed for day-to-day operations. However, our money market funds are used on a day-to-day basis. There has been little interest earned for this quarterly report through the end of June 2021. Ms. Haussler asked for approval of this quarterly report. City of Waller Council Member Nancy Arnold moved to approve, and Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion. Vice Chair Clark called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

c. Benefits Insurance Coverage Renewal – 2021-2022 Plan Year

Vice Chair Clark recognized Nancy Haussler once again who then yielded the floor to Laura

Tomlinson, H-GAC Human Resources Benefits Coordinator. Ms. Tomlinson began her presentation by stating that during the last year and half, H-GAC only had 19 individuals (including employees and their dependents) contract COVID-19. There were also no in-patient admissions and the cost of testing and treatment were manageable considering the number of H-GAC employees. H-GAC's overall claim loss ratio for the most recent 12-month period was 86% compared to 114% this time last year. This number is low due to practicing stringent health protocols and effective wellness challenges that were offered throughout the plan year.

H-GAC goes out to the marketplace for medical renewal on an annual basis, and we partnered with Alliant Benefits to obtain the most competitive health care coverage quotes for the coming plan year. Ms. Tomlinson also stated that proposals were requested from all major insurance carriers and in local market as well as the Texas Municipal League to seek a similar benefit plan design for the 2021-2022 plan year. Quotes were received from Blue Cross, Cigna, Aetna, Humana, United Healthcare and Memorial Hermann. The top three plan designs were ranked in order from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna and United Healthcare. The top two proposals were from Blue Cross Blue Shield and Cigna. As far as the cost comparison, Blue Cross had a 2% increase and Cigna had a 0.6% increase, and the total variance between the two plans was just over \$43,000. The staff recommends renewing with Blue Cross Blue Shield because their performance has been very good and there would be no disruption of services or providers which would be beneficial for employees.

Vice Chair Clark asked if there were any questions. There being none, Mayor Zimmerman moved to approve, and City of Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole seconded the motion. Vice Chair Clark called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

d. Mid-Year Budget Revision

Vice Chair Clark recognized Chuck Wemple, H-GAC Executive Director to discuss the mid-year budget revision. Mr. Wemple began by stating our total unified budget for H-GAC was up 4.8% to a total of just over \$405 million. Looking across our programs in H-GAC we see the following increases: aging program was up a little over 4.8%, workforce up to 6.3%; public service increased 33.5% due to our small business loan program; community and environmental planning was down slightly just under \$17,000. There was a 12.4% decrease in data services and local activities were down about \$25,000, which are unrestricted fund expenditures, and we limit those where we can. Transportation was down about 15% largely due to delays in our commuter transit pilot programs in the region. Other notable items, our indirect rate came down from 11.42% to 11.16%, our benefit rate increased slightly from 47.25% to 47.7%, and personnel costs were less than 1% in change. Lastly, we were able to transfer additional funds from our enterprise fund into our general fund with revenue created by HGACBuy, our cooperative purchasing program. There has been more activity than initially projected; therefore, were able to transfer more into our general fund reserve. Mr. Wemple concluded by stating with this increased funding it allowed H-GAC to provide more services to the region and asked for approval of the mid-year budget revision.

Commissioner Meyers moved to approve, and Council Member Branson seconded the motion. Vice Chair Clark called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

7. HUMAN SERVICES

a. Workforce Solutions 2022 Contracts

Chair Elect King recognized Mike Temple, Director of Human Services. Mr. Temple

requested approval of contracts with organizations listed in the attachment for a total of \$451,925,055.

Mr. Temple began by stating H-GAC is the fiscal agent for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board and every four years proposals are solicited to operate Workforce Solutions, the region's public workforce system. Workforce Solutions is a large system and there were seven separate proposals issued to ask organizations to help run the system.

Twenty-four proposals from 21 different organizations were submitted, reviewed, and scored. The Workforce Board looked at them through its procurement committee at its August 10 meeting. The Workforce Board is recommending contracts with 12 proposals, including four organizations that are new to our system to operate the region's workforce system in 2022.

Only one proposal was received for four separate parts of the system: the financial aid support center, payment office, early education quality, and staff professional development. We are recommending only one-year contracts with the proposers for these services, and we will go out again in 2022 to solicit and work to advertise broadly to find other organizations interested in operating these services.

The Workforce Board recommends one-year contracts for two employer service contractors and to reprocure in 2022 looking for additional organizations to operate these services. The Workforce Board approved up to four years of annual contracts – renewable dependent upon performance, availability of funds, and approval by the Workforce Board for the career office and youth project proposals. Results with these contracts and this investment include service to more than 30,000 businesses and 525,000 individuals. This will assist in creating at least 3,400 new jobs. Eighteen million dollars will be used for scholarships, apprenticeships, upscaling or rescaling for than 5,000 individuals, including those unemployed due to the pandemic. We will be working with more than 35,000 families and 50,000 children with early education expenses and help more than 262,000 people go back to work.

Chair Elect King asked if there were any questions. There being none, Mayor Zimmerman moved to approve and Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion. Chair Elect King called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

b. Aging Services 2021-2022 Contracts

Chair Elect King once again recognized Mike Temple. Mr. Temple requested approval to amend selected 2021 Aging contracts in the amount of \$203,877 and to negotiate for 2022 Aging contracts in the amount of \$8,143,190.

Mr. Temple began by stating H-GAC is the area agency on aging for a 12-county area in our region. Every year, we contract with community providers to offer nutrition and transportation assistance with a variety of direct service providers to offer direct services to individuals 60 years and older.

We received supplemental money from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the current contract year and we are recommending those be used for direct services. Those are in-home services that are provided to people, such as personal assistance, respite care, residential

repair, health maintenance and promotion, and emergency response. We are proposing adding \$203,877 to the selected 2021 contracts for direct services.

We also received a larger than usual allocation for our 2022 year which begins on October 1. The advisory committee recommends continuing funding for existing contractors. The total funds for 2022 are almost 15% higher than for our current year fund. We anticipate serving more individuals, provide more meals and transportation and more direct assistance to people who are in need.

Chair Elect King asked if there were any questions. There being none, Commissioner Meyers moved to approve and Huntsville ISD Trustee Rissie Owens seconded the motion. Chair Elect King called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

8. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

a. Water Resources Committee Update

Chair Elect King recognized Commissioner Meyers, chairman of the Water Resources Committee. Commissioner Meyers yielded the floor to Mr. Jeff Taebel, Director of Community and Environmental to speak on behalf of the committee.

Mr. Taebel was seeking approval of the Water Resources Committee recommendations to the H-GAC Priority Flood Mitigation Projects List and began by stating the committee was seeking approval of updated information the committee received and that the list reflects the best available information. He stated that the last committee meeting was focused on discussing the method of distribution for the regional community development flood mitigation funds that would be coming to our region from the Texas General Land Office. To review, they anticipated that approximately \$418 million would be allocated to our 13-county region, which is double what they had originally expected.

First item of importance the committee discussed was the base formula factors H-GAC considered appropriate. Focal points: degree of damage, household claims, low-to-moderate income population, percentage of a jurisdictions' population within the flood plain/flood way, minimum base allocation per every county in the state most impacted areas. Second item was to include Harris County in full or just the municipalities within Harris County for allocation since they will receive a direct allocation almost double (\$750 million) what the region will receive. Third item was a set-aside of funds for multijurisdictional projects of regional significance. The committee reviewed nine different scenarios the staff prepared which had different combinations of those factors explored. The takeaway from this is more research should be done at our base level allocations.

Of particular concern is the requirement by the Texas General Land Office of \$1 million per jurisdiction. If our formula awards less than that to a city, those funds will be included into the county total. So, there was concern about the relative lack of communities receiving direct allocations. The committee will be looking at several options for that issue and encouraging counties to work with their jurisdictions on those projects. The committee was planning to visit with the Texas General Land Office to work in tandem with Harris County on the low to moderate income benefit. A plan is required to be filed with the Texas General Land Office on how H-GAC's

program will meet the 51% threshold of LMI (low-to-moderate income) benefits. Final item of importance was interest on the part of the committee in exploring a significant allocation for the regional multi-jurisdictional projects and possibly including some or all of the Tier One projects on our Project Priority List.

Mr. Taebel concluded his presentation by stating there is no precise timetable, but the committee anticipates having a contract and a notice to proceed in September; a public input process (series of meetings) in October; comment period in November; and in December caucus with local governments to ascertain spending of funds and information on anticipated projects. By January a public hearing, adoption, and approval; however, this is all subject to change.

Commissioner Meyers moved to approve the request and Judge McDonald seconded the motion. Chair Elect King called for the vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

9. PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

a. Hawthorn Park Recycling and Disposal Facility

Chair Elect King recognized Waller County Judge Trey Duhon, Chairman of the Plans and Projects Review Committee. Judge Duhon stated the committee had met that morning with a quorum to consider one item on their agenda which was the Hawthorn Park Recycling and Disposal Facility. Judge Duhon then yielded the floor to Erin Livingston, Principal Planner for Solid Waste in Community & Environmental. She began by stating H-GAC's role is to review applications for consistency with our regional solid waste management plan. The goal in this plan is to advocate aerial buildup with consideration of surrounding topography and screening; to encourage facilities that reduce, reuse, or recycle materials; and encourage expansion over sitting of new facilities. Other considerations during the review process include odor management, traffic, and visual screening. Ms. Livingston stated that we do not have the authority to deny or approve permits; that authority rests solely with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

USA Waste of Texas Landfills applied for a major amendment to expand their Hawthorn Park landfill footprint by approximately 50 acres from 129 to 179 acres and increase the maximum permitted elevation from 139 to 227 feet mean sea level. They are also requesting a name change to the Hawthorn Park Recycling and Disposal Facility.

The primary land uses within a one-mile radius are industrial at 46%, commercial at 16%, and residential at 12%. In June, H-GAC reached out to elected officials and staff from the City of Houston and Harris County. Comments were received from the City of Houston council member representing the area and Harris County Pollution Control Services. Commented concerns were about the proposed vertical expansion, particularly in the portion of the landfill closest to the neighborhood; the removal of landfill gas monitoring devices because of the lateral expansion; the increased waste acceptance rate; the low air monitoring requirements; and a recommendation to use an odor control system when conducting an odor survey or responding to an odor complaint. Staff comments centered on the actions USA Waste will be taking to decrease the impact to the community, including drainage changes that lower height of the landfill in the section closest to the residential area and the order of landfill development. Staff is requesting that the project be found consistent with comments, with plans, policies, and H-GAC review criteria.

Judge Duhon moved to approve, and Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion. Chair Elect King called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

10. H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

a. H-GAC 2021 Advisory Committee Appointments

Chair Elect King recognized Rick Guerrero, Director of Intergovernmental Relations to request approval of appointments to our H-GAC Advisory Committees. Mr. Guerrero stated the Transportation Policy Council, which is the Metropolitan Planning Organization Governing Board for the eight-county nonattainment region, allows H-GAC to authorize an appointment from the Houston-Galveston Area Council for one small city member representing a city with a population of less than 50,000. He proposed that the board of directors appoint Council Member Sally Branson with the City of Friendswood to serve as alternate and represent Harris County's small cities in the Houston-Galveston Area Council region.

Commissioner Clark moved to approve the appointment, and Council Member Arnold seconded the motion. Chair Elect King called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

11. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

a. Priority Conservation Projects List

Mr. Taebel once again took the floor to present the Priority Conservation Projects list. Mr. Taebel began by briefing the board on the upcoming effort to develop a series of priority projects list for implementing the regional conservation framework that was adopted last March. Borrowing from a successful process implemented by our Water Resources Committee, we will create a priority project list for conservation activities. Like the Water Resources Committee, C&E is proposing three tiers for this priority project list.

Tier One would be projects ready to pursue funding and are in alignment with the framework's main initiatives. Tier Two would be projects that are farther along, pursuing funding application or forming a project idea that meets specific granting programs. Tier Three would be providing more generalized technical assistance to help define projects. With a significant two-year grant from the Houston Endowment, Tier Three will have substantial funding to assist our members in pursuing funding for their activities.

We anticipate the Natural Resources Advisory Committee will be the initial screening body for these projects and will provide recommendations that can be shared with the board and will monitor the list on a quarterly basis. If all progresses well, we could present a recommended list by November.

Mr. Taebel concluded his presentation by stating no action was required on this item today, it was only informational, and he anticipated to have a priority list for consideration by November.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. H-GAC Spotlight – Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan Public Outreach

Mr. Wemple recognized Sanford Klanfer, Senior Transportation Planner and Robyn Egbert, Communications Outreach Coordinator. Mr. Klanfer took the floor to begin the presentation. He began by stating the Regionally Coordinated Transportation plan covers the entire 13-county

region and are required to update it every five years. The last update to the plan was completed in 2017, and the current plan will be completed by 2022.

What makes H-GAC's plan different from other transportation plans is that it focuses on all transportation providers in the region, which include METRO, Harris County and Fort Bend transits, but also taxi companies, non-emergency medical transports and van services for veterans. Unlike other transportation plans, H-GAC does not focus on finding places for new infrastructure but coordinates resources to cost effectively fill gaps in the region's transportation network. This could mean recommending a new bus service in an area that does not have it or recommending an existing service run more hours in the day if there is demand outside its current service period. Two things that have come from previous plans were the commuter services that connect Conroe to Houston and also the regional fares initiative.

The project began this past spring, and a vision was developed with a set of goals and objectives. We developed a provider inventory, a needs assessment, and currently working on the gaps analysis. This fall, we anticipate completing the gaps analysis and launch into the financial analysis as well as having another round of public outreach. By winter we should have a set of draft recommendations to provide the public with and get feedback on those recommendations. By next spring we should have a final document that will be approved and finalized. Mr. Klanfer concluded his presentation by introducing his colleague Robyn Egbert to present on the public outreach for this plan.

Ms. Egbert began by stating that H-GAC was conducting three phases of public outreach consisting of virtual public workshops, focus groups and public meetings. The first phase consisted of hosting five public workshops that were tailored to each of the county's needs, as well as a digital survey residents could take if unable to attend a workshop and wanted to provide feedback. In these workshops, participants were led through an interactive activity where they planned a trip in their community using existing public transportation services. This activity provided us with real time insights into what the barriers and hurdles were when residents were planning and taking a trip. It also provided insight as to what parameters individuals use when determining taking public transportation or not. This information gave us a cross-section of insights across the region and provided us with a foundation to launch our second phase.

In the second phase, we are planning to host eight focus groups in mid to late October, and will target specific groups such as those with disabilities, seniors, students, veterans, low income, limited English proficiencies, work force and the general public. Once data has been collected form the participants, we will shape our plan and create a draft. After the draft is created, we will launch into phase three of our outreach and host a public meeting and gain additional feedback in late November early December.

Ms. Egbert concluded her presentation by stating digital survey responses can still be submitted until the end of the month and encouraged the board members to share this information with their constituents in their communities.

b. 2021 Mid-Year Report

Mr. Wemple took to the floor to discuss the mid-year report on the services H-GAC provides. This report is just under 40 pages, highlights 196 projects and services across the agency

and shows where H-GAC is achieving or exceeding goals and where we are not meeting goals due to delays or even cancellation of projects. Of the 196 projects and services outlined in the report, 90% are on target or exceeding our projected performance. About 10% of projects and services are delayed and half of the 10% are delayed due to COVID. H-GAC is looking to have plans for each of those delayed projects and get them back on track. Mr. Wemple concluded with thanking Mallory Freitag, Lisa Hayes, Jillian Donatto, Jeff Taebel, Mike Temple and Omar Fortune and their teams for exceeding expectations and projections within their specific groups of service.

c. Current and Upcoming H-GAC Activities

Mr. Wemple announced that the Texas Attorney General's office reached out to H-GAC to request time on our September agenda to speak on important updates on the opioid settlement within the state of Texas. Upon adjournment of the meeting a flyer would be provided to our members for more information on the settlement.

A Livable Centers Workshop focusing on placemaking was scheduled for Friday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m., an extra link would be sent to members to sign up if they had not already registered. Early census numbers for redistricting were released and H-GAC's data analytics and research team hope to have some tools and additional information on the website after analyzing those numbers. Mr. Wemple concluded his presentation by stating the September board meeting would be scheduled as a hybrid with a presiding officer and a few others in attendance in accordance with the Open Meetings Act requirements. He assured that all safety precautions would be taken to protect those attending in person and conduct board business safely.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Elect King adjourned the August meeting of the H-GAC Board of Directors at 11:20 a.m.

HGACBUY-ALL HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS, PLANNING, CONSULTING, AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Background

The H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGACBuy) establishes contracts for a variety of products and services through competitive solicitations. Member governments are able to use the contracts to make purchases. HGACBuy received and opened twenty-nine proposals for all hazards preparedness, planning, consulting, and recovery services on May 3, 2021. The following companies submitted a proposal:

Adurra Group, Inc.	Tampa, FL
AG Witt, LLC	Little Rock, AR
APTIM CORP dba APTIM ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE, LLC	Baton Rouge, LA
Atkins North America, Inc.	Tampa, FL
CDR MACGUIRE, INC.	Miami, FL
The CNA Corporation dba CNA	Arlington, VA
Constant and Associates, Inc.	Torrance, CA
Data Transfer Solutions, LLC	Tampa, FL
DCMC, LLC dba DCMC Partners	Alexandria, VA
Dewberry Engineers, Inc.	Fairfax, VA
Disaster Recovery Services, LLC	Houston, TX
Five23 Group, Inc. dba Lumenor Consulting Group	Alpharetta, GA
GP Strategies Corporation	Columbia, MD
H20 Partners, Inc.	Austin, TX
Hagerty Consulting, Inc.	Evanston, IL
Hill International, Inc.	Philadelphia, PA
Innovative Emergency Management, Inc.	Morrisville, NC
Institute for Building Technology and Safety	Ashburn, VA
Integrated Solution Consulting Corporation	Prospect Heights, IL
iParametics, LLC	Alpharetta, GA
Mission Critical Partners, LLC	Port Matilda, PA
MPACT Strategic Consulting, LLC	Houston, TX
NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC	Lakewood, CO
Safework, Inc.	Woodland Hills, CA
SWCA, Incorporated dba SWCA Environmental Consultants	Phoenix, AZ
Tetra Tech	Pasadena, CA
The Olson Group, LTD	Alexandria, VA
Thompson Consulting Services, LLC	Maitland, FL
Witt O'Brien's, LLC	Washington, DC

Current Situation

This contract is a continuation of an existing contract in our portfolio, consisting of various types of areas such as emergency operations, contingency, risk assessment, vulnerability, hazard mitigation, incident response, testing and training. Proposals listed in the award recommendation table met the minimum scoring threshold for award but were not included in the previous recommendation table approved in July. All proposal responses have been evaluated by H-GAC staff. Fourteen proposals are being recommended for award.

Funding Source

Participating local government purchases

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request authorization to negotiate a contract with each respondent listed in the Contract Award Recommendation Table for all hazards preparedness, planning, consulting, and recovery services. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)

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HP08-21 Award Recommendation Table

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HP08-21 Award Recommendation Table

Proposal	Services
Atkins North America, Inc.	FEMA recovery, response, mitigation, debris
	monitoring and preparedness.
CDR MACGUIRE, INC.	Mitigation planning, floodplain management,
	environmental planning, historical
	preservation
The CNA Corporation dba CNA	All hazards preparedness, planning,
	consulting, and recovery services
Constant and Associates, Inc.	Emergency management, planning, health
	security and counterterrorism
Data Transfer Solutions, LLC	Asset management, risk assessment and
	hazard mitigation
Five23 Group, Inc. dba Lumenor Consulting	Strategic advisory services, asset
Group	management, program management, capital
_	planning management and system integration
GP Strategies Corporation	Supplying technical documentation, planning,
	training, and exercise support to the public
	sector
Hill International, Inc.	Project management, construction
·	management, quality assurance, and risk
	management
iParametics, LLC	Program management, emergency
,	management, security related technical
	services and consulting to federal, state, and
	municipal clients
Mission Critical Partners, LLC	Data integration, consulting, and network and
,	cybersecurity solutions specializing in
	transforming critical-communications
	networks into integrated ecosystems
MPACT Strategic Consulting, LLC	Grant administration, program management,
2	financial stewardship, assessments, outreach,
	and training, monitoring and compliance at
	the state and local level
NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC	Financial and management consulting
	services, experience in water, wastewater,
	stormwater, electric, solid waste, and natural
	gas utility services
Safework, Inc.	All hazards planning, FEMA public
, ,	assistance and hazard mitigation.
The Olson Group, LTD	Emergency management, homeland security
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FISCAL YEAR 2022 – INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

Background

The Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office has notified H-GAC of the availability of funding for the H-GAC Homeland Security Grants Division and Criminal Justice Division Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. The Fiscal Year 2022 contract covers the period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

Current Situation

H-GAC requested renewal of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Public Safety office to provide compensation for the following services:

- Notify current grantees and potential applicants of the availability of HSGD and CJD funds.
- Conduct grant application workshops and provide technical assistance to applicants.
- Maintain a viable and active Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.
- Facilitate strategic planning for the thirteen counties within the region.
- Conduct priority hearings and submit priority lists for local projects.
- Attend mandatory PSO training for planners statewide.

Funding Source

Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office

Criminal Justice Funds: \$285,140 Homeland Security Funds: \$50,000 Total: \$335,140

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request authorization to contract with the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office in the amount of \$335,140. (Staff Contact: Larry Smith)

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Attachment A: Proposed Budget Cover Memo

Attachment A: Proposed Budget

Total	\$335,140.83
Other	\$41,638.17
Rent	\$13,711.80
Meeting Expenses	\$524.98
Employee Development	\$1,014.06
Supplies	\$200.00
In-Region Travel	\$800.00
Indirect	\$28,416.94
Benefits	\$79,846.84
Salaries	\$168,988.04

REGIONAL AERIAL AND REMOTE SENSING DATA

Background

In 2019, the H-GAC Board approved a two-year contract with Surdex Corporation through a Request for Proposals selection process with the option of extending the contract annually for three years. The last contract provided for approximately 13,500 square miles of high-resolution digital aerial imagery data for the H-GAC region. The imagery was cooperatively purchased with funds from 38 cost-shared partners and government agencies.

Current Situation

On June 3, 2021, staff and members of the Aerial Technical Advisory workgroup unanimously voted to extend the current contract with Surdex Corporation for an additional two years to provide imagery for the H-GAC region. Recommendation based on the following criteria are met:

- 1. Cost
- 2. Quality of the product
- 3. Experience in our region

Funding Source

Funds committed by Federal 911 Grant, TxDOT and cost-shared member agencies

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request authorization to extend the current aerial imagery contract for an additional two years with Surdex Corporation to deliver digital aerial imagery data products and services for a total amount of \$951,000. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)

AGENCY CLOUD MIGRATION CONSULTANT

Background

Data Services maintains technology infrastructure for the Houston-Galveston Area Council employees and the 28 Workforce Solutions career offices in our 13-county region. The current network is a mix of traditional data storage in our computer room, colocation and on cloud as a service. Since the beginning of the pandemic, staff has experienced higher demand for cloud technology for application availability and improved productivity.

Current Situation

In response to these challenges, Data Services staff issued a Request for Proposals from qualified consultants for planning, analysis, and development of H-GAC's infrastructure migration strategy. Our key objectives are:

- Extend the on-premises data center to the cloud to make the network infrastructure more flexible and scalable;
- Support remote workforce from anywhere while securing data infrastructure;
- Cut on-premise hardware cost; and
- Improve emergency and disaster response

In response to the Request For Proposals, ten compliant proposals were received and one offer of qualifications (see attachment for complete list). After extensive review, staff recommends the following two ranked proposers based upon their presentation of methodology, process, and cost:

- 1. Information Services Group Public Sector (ISG)
- 2. 22nd Century Technology, Inc (TSCTI)

Funding Source

Allocated Grant Fund

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request authorization to negotiate a contract with the recommended proposers in order ranked for the planning, analysis, and development of H-GAC cloud migration strategy and roadmap in the amount of \$240,000. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)

ATTACHMENTS:

List of Request for Proposals Respondents

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Agency Cloud Migration Consultant Proposers

- 1. AMSYS Innovative Solutions
- 2. AustinCSI
- 3. CloudLogic
- 4. DÁNAS Technology LLC
- 5. Digerati Systems Inc
- 6. ISF, Inc.
- 7. Information Services Group (ISG) Public Sector
- 8. Stratum
- 9. TierPoint
- 10. 22nd Century Technologies, Inc. (TSCTI)

Offer of GIS Migration Qualifications

1. Timmons Group

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ENTERPRISE ZOOM MEETING LICENSES

Background

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board and its operating affiliate Workforce Solutions are the public workforce system in the 13-county Houston-Galveston region. We help employers meet their human resource needs and individuals build careers, so both can compete in the global economy. This year Workforce Solutions has served over 20,000 employers and 350,000 people through 28 career offices.

Current Situation

With the accessibility of technology and new ways of servicing employers and individuals remotely, additional methods are required to interact with individuals within our region.

Workforce Solutions is currently looking to adopt a virtual communication platform that is familiar to the public which will allow staff to provide additional ways to interact with customers. We are also looking for a platform that can integrate with our customer scheduling system called Appointy to streamline the scheduling and virtual meeting process. We have evaluated Zoom as a platform to meet these needs by piloting 30 trial licenses and gathering feedback from staff who participated in the pilot. The Zoom and Appointy integration will provide us with increased flexibility to better accommodate our customers' needs.

H-GAC obtained three competitive bids for purchasing the Zoom Enterprise meeting licenses for purchase of 500 Zoom Business and 20 Zoom Webinar licenses. Staff recommends purchase from CDWG, an authorized Zoom partner, through a state contract.

Funding Source

Texas Workforce Commission

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request approval to purchase 500 meeting and 20 webinar licenses with CDW for a one year prepay of total contract amount of \$93,750. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)

WORKFORCE SYSTEM WEBSITE CONTRACT

Background

The Ingenuix Corporation has created and managed content for the Workforce Solutions website since 2013.

Current Situation

Ingenuix continues to satisfactorily perform as the Workforce Solutions' website software vendor. For 2022, Ingenuix will continue to work with local staff to modify and update the Workforce Solutions website content and the online financial aid application system.

We are requesting authorization to renew the ongoing contract with Ingenuix for 2022 for \$7,250 monthly totaling \$87,000 annually.

Funding Source

Texas Workforce Commission

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request approval to renew vendor agreement with the Ingenuix Corporation to continue managing the Workforce Solutions website in the amount of \$87,000. (Staff Contact: Mike Temple)

WORKFORCE SYSTEM CONTRACT ONLINE APPLICATION

Background

The Ingenuix Corporation has created and managed content for the Workforce Solutions website since 2013.

Current Situation

We currently have over 32,000 families applying for financial assistance using an online application developed and managed by Ingenuix and accessed through the Workforce Solutions website. As use of the application increases, we need to make updates to keep it current and operating efficiently. We are requesting \$53,250 for Ingenuix to deliver programming enhancements for the online financial aid application.

Ingenuix also offers a 30-hour monthly service dedicated to ongoing web development and digital content for the website at a discounted rate. The additional hours provide for a decrease in programming costs. We are requesting \$9,500 to purchase the 30-hour monthly service for ongoing web development and digital content updates from Ingenuix.

Funding Source

Texas Workforce Commission

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request approval to contract with Ingenuix Corporation for programming updates to the online financial aid application and participation in the 30-hour monthly website development service; combined total is \$62,750. (Staff Contact: Mike Temple)

CARES ACT LOAN FUNDING

Background

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Economic Development Administration received \$1.5 billion in funding to support long-term recovery from the economic impacts of the pandemic. The Gulf Coast Economic Development District was invited by the Economic Development Administration to submit a non-competitive grant application to recapitalize its Revolving Loan Fund.

Current Situation

The Gulf Coast Economic Development District applied to the Economic Development Administration for \$1,021,000 in funding to recapitalize its Revolving Loan Fund and an additional \$100,000 for Revolving Loan Fund administration. The Revolving Loan Fund is administered by the Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation and provides low-interest gap financing for businesses that create jobs. Up to 50% of the loan can be working capital. The project is anticipated to begin on October 1, 2021. There is no local match requirement for the grant.

This is the second round of funding for the Revolving Loan Fund. H-GAC fully expended the funds from the first round of CARES Act funds and provided 47 loans for over \$1.6 million. The Economic Development Administration had surplus CARES Act funds and asked us to apply for the funds to help additional businesses that were impacted by COVID and may be in need of support.

Funding Source

Economic Development Administration

Budgeted

No; amends budget

Action Requested

Request authorization to execute contract with the Economic Development Administration on behalf of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District; total amount of \$1,121,000. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)

OST/PALM CENTER LIVABLE CENTERS STUDY

Background

Establishing Livable Centers is one of the implementation strategies of H-GAC's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. The aim of this strategy is to create more walkable, mixed-use places that reduce reliance on single-vehicle occupancy. A total of thirty-five Livable Centers have been completed in our region, and three are currently underway.

Current Situation

In partnership with the Greater Southeast Management District, the Program's 39th study is set to begin: the OST/Palm Center Livable Centers Study. The overall goal of the study is to create a Livable Centers plan that will lead to a healthy, sustainable, context-sensitive, multi-modal environment while addressing the needs of residents, property owners, business owners and visitors for shopping, dining, recreation, entertainment, learning, wellness and more.

A committee of representatives from H-GAC, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the City of Houston District K evaluated three proposals submitted by firms on August 9, 2021. Based on the committee's scoring and evaluation of the proposals and interviews, the recommendation and ranking are shown below:

- 1. Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
- 2. Lionheart Places, LLC
- 3. AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

Funding Source

Federal and Local

Budgeted

Yes

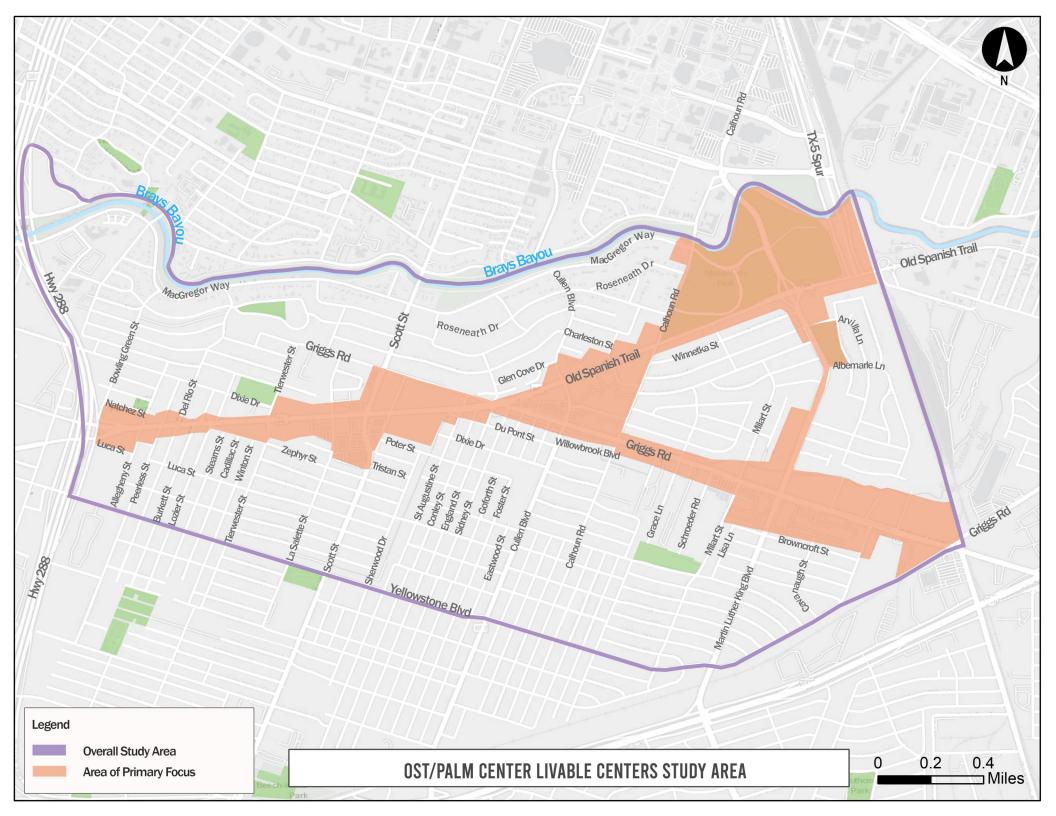
Action Requested

Request authorization to contract with firms in order ranked to conduct Livable Centers Study for the Greater Southeast Management District; total amount of \$241,680. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

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TITLE VI PROGRAM

Background

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity administered by recipients of Federal financial assistance. Discrimination includes the denial of meaningful access for persons with limited proficiency in the English language. As a condition for receiving Federal financial assistance, the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration require H-GAC to update its Title VI Program every three years. The triennial update to the Title VI Program serves as evidence that the agency is in full compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Title VI nondiscrimination regulations.

Current Situation

H-GAC's Title VI Program includes:

- Non-discrimination policy statement;
- Notice to the public of their rights under the Title VI statute;
- Public Participation Plan;
- Plan to accommodate persons with limited English communication skills;
- Updated demographic profile of the region;
- Description of Environmental Justice provisions;
- Measures to assess regional equity in the impact of transportation; and
- Procedures for the submission and resolution of Title VI complaints.

A public comment process was conducted between July 12, 2021 and August 11, 2021, with two virtual public meetings on July 22, 2021. Public comments and responses are available at the following website. Upon approval by the Board, the Title VI document will be submitted to TxDOT, FHWA, and the FTA. The full document can be found on the H-GAC website at: h-gac.com/title-vi-program.

Funding Source

Federal Funds

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request approval of the H-GAC's Title VI Program. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

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TOW AND GO PROGRAM - AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY

Background

The Houston-Galveston Area Council works with local governments to implement the Tow and Go Program as part of regional incident management activities. The purpose of the Tow and Go Program is to quickly remove stalled vehicles from area freeways to a nearby safe location at no cost to the motorist, thereby reducing traffic congestion and secondary crashes. Currently, H-GAC has agreements with the City of Houston and Harris County to conduct no-cost tows. Tow and Go service currently operates within the City of Houston, unincorporated Harris County, Bellaire, Humble, Jersey Village, La Porte and Webster. Since the Tow and Go program began on May 1, 2018, there have been almost 95,000 tows provided at no cost to the driver. During this period the average incident clearance time has improved from nearly 25 minutes to 16 minutes and 17 seconds.

Current Situation

H-GAC is requesting to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Harris County to reimburse Harris County for freeway monitoring, towing, and administrative costs associated with the Tow and Go Program. The agreement will support the continuation of the Tow and Go currently performed by Harris County for an 18-month period from February 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. The Texas Department of Transportation has authorized the expenditure of these funds, and the funds are budgeted in the Transportation Improvement Program.

Funding Source

Federal Transportation Funds

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request authorization to enter into interlocal agreements with Harris County in the amount of \$6,548,000 for the Tow and Go Program. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

CLEAN VEHICLES AND HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Background

The Clean Vehicles and Heavy-Duty Diesel Replacement Assistance Programs are designed to offset the added cost of replacing or retrofitting older, high-emission, diesel, and gasoline engines with cleaner, low emission engines. The primary goal of the program is to reduce nitrogen oxides (NO_x) , a critical component in the formation of ground-level ozone. Since 2018, this program has assisted with replacing 345 high emission vehicles.

Award amounts are based on the projected emissions that could be reduced by the project, factoring in usage patterns, engine specifications, and the fuel/technology types.

Current Situation

Staff recommendation shown in the attached table is based on the project's maximum potential emissions reduction. Final awards are subject to available state and federal funding and will be revised to reflect the specific replacement engine's emissions characteristics when the actual replacement engines have been identified by the contractors.

This month, H-GAC has one proposal that meets the program's emission and cost-effectiveness criteria. H-GAC staff recommends contracting with this entity to replace one truck for a total amount of \$178,255 as shown in the attached Table.

Funding Source

Federal Funds (Environmental Protection Agency): \$74,737

Contractor Share (Ernesto A. Valencia): \$103,518 Total: \$178,255

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request authorization of agreements for the acquisition of one new truck in the amount of \$178,255. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

ATTACHMENTS:

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Table

Table - Clean Vehicles Program

Applicant	# Vehicles Replaced	Total Project Amount	Federal Amount (EPA)	Contractor Amount	Total NO _x Emission Reductions Received (tons/year)
Ernesto A. Valencia	1	\$178,255.67	\$74,737.40	\$103,518.27	0.482

GRAND TOTAL \$178,255.67

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2021

PDF

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Monthly Financial Report - August 2021

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT For the Eight Months Ended August 2021

	Budget Year to date	Actual Year to date	Variance Dollar	%
Combined Revenues and Expenditures				
Revenues	\$ 270,765,038	\$ 222,958,323	\$ (47,806,715)	-18%
Expenditures	 (270,282,717)	(221,113,790)	49,168,927	-18%
Change in Combined Fund Balance	\$ 482,321	\$ 1,844,532	\$ 1,362,212	

Change in Fund Balance by Fund Type			
Change in fund balance - General Fund \$	60,364 \$	274,543 \$	214,179
Change in fund balance - Gulf Coast Regional 911	597,006	1,365,133	768,127
Change in fund balance - Enterprise Fund	163,496	204,858	41,362
Total Change in Fund Balances \$	820,866 \$	1,844,533 \$	1,023,668

Variance Analysis

The presentation of the change in fund balance by fund type is intended to highlight the effects of revenue and expenditure transactions by fund. The General Fund (GF) consists of those funds not associated with grant programs or enterprise activities. The Special Revenue Fund (SRF) consists of those funds that are restricted for a specific purpose. HGAC's grant programs are in this fund. The Enterprise Fund is used to track activities of the Cooperative Purchasing program and the Energy Purchasing Corporation. The variances of specific revenues and expenditures are explained on the second page of this report.

*** The Cooperative Purchasing program has contributed a \$206,139 an increase toward the Enterprise fund balance YTD, and the Energy Purchasing Corporation is reflecting a (\$1,281) decrease to the Enterprise fund balance.

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT For the Eight Months Ended August 2021

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General and Enterprise Fund								
Membership dues (a)	\$	395,538	\$	395,538	\$	361,328	\$ (34,210)	-9%
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation (b)		90,000		60,000		55,320	(4,680)	-8%
Cooperative Purchasing fees		5,500,000		3,666,667		2,926,205	(740,462)	-20%
Gulf Coast Regional 911 fees		2,728,558		1,819,039		2,794,061	975,023	54%
Interest Income [c)		25,000		16,667		2,723	(13,944)	-84%
Other		5,667,519		3,778,346		3,228,851	(549,495)	-15%
Total General and Enterprise Fund revenues	\$	14,406,615	\$	9,736,256	\$	9,368,489	\$ (367,767)	-4%
Special Revenue Fund								
Federal Grant (d)	\$	3,483,782	\$	2,322,521	\$	164,998	\$ (2,157,524)	-93%
State Grants		388,059,391		258,706,261		213,424,835	(45,281,425)	-18%
Total Special Revenue Fund revenues	\$	391,543,173	\$	261,028,782	\$	213,589,833	\$ (47,438,949)	-18%
Total Revenues	\$	405,949,788	\$	270,765,038	\$	222,958,321	\$ (47,806,717)	-18%
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Personnel	\$	27,109,725	\$	18,073,150	\$	17,729,348	\$ (343,803)	-2%
Pass-through funds - grant		363,718,774		242,479,183		195,305,635	(47,173,548)	-19%
Consultant and contract services		8,030,158		5,353,439		5,028,079	(325,360)	-6%
Lease of office space		1,851,444		1,234,296		1,159,790	(74,506)	-6%
Equipment		1,920,640		1,280,427		314,987	(965,440)	-75%
Travel (e)		263,448		175,632		36,110	(139,522)	-79%
Other expense		2,529,886		1,686,591		1,539,841	(146,750)	-9%
Total Expenditures	\$	405,424,075	\$	270,282,717	\$	221,113,789	\$ (49,168,928)	-18%
Excess of Revenues over(under) Expenditures	\$	525,713	\$	482,321	\$	1.844.532	\$ 1.362.211	

Variances:

- a) We have been in contact with entities that have outstanding dues, and we anticipate payment soon.
- b). The Energy Purchasing Corporation will not meet revenue projections this year. Enrollment in the service is down and usage is also down.
- c). Interest income is down due to the Federal Reserve holding interest rates low. Adjustments have been made at the mid-year budget review.
- d) Federal pass-through revenue and expense in an EPA program administered by the Transportation department is off to a slow start for the year. It is anticipated that these funds will be expended after the budget adjustments.
- e) The travel budget was anticipating that Covid restrictions would end in 2021. We are starting to see some easing of restrictions and requests for in-person events that include in-region and out-of-region travel, so we expect that our expenses will increase later in the year.

WORKFORCE AGREEMENT - HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Background

Workforce Solutions, the region's public workforce system, continually looks for opportunities to leverage funds and expand the reach and impact of workforce service in the region. In July 2021, the Houston Housing Authority was awarded funding for a workforce development project with Workforce Solutions participation – called JOBS PLUS – at Oxford Place Apartments.

Current Situation

The Houston Housing Authority proposes to provide H-GAC as Workforce Solutions' fiscal agent \$540,000 over a period of 54 months to deliver workforce services. H-GAC will incorporate funding in career office contracts previously approved by the Board to provide at least 284 individuals access to temporary, seasonal and permanent employment; adult literacy and basic education; skills education; and transportation, childcare, and work-related financial aid. Career office contractors will provide up to \$270,000 of service using workforce funding in their existing contracts to support the project.

Funding Source

Houston Housing Authority

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with Houston Housing Authority for workforce development services in the amount of \$540,000 for the grant period of 54 months. (Staff Contact: Mike Temple)

WORKFORCE PAYROLL CONTRACT

Background

In 2019 H-GAC selected ProSource Solutions, Inc. as a payrolling contractor for Vocational Rehabilitation Services customers participating in work experience services. Texas Workforce Commission provides the funds for this service.

Current Situation

ProSource continues to satisfactorily provide this service, and we continue to see increases in the numbers of customers placed in work experience services. We propose a fourth and final year contract with ProSource of up to \$2,025,000 for work experience to 700 individuals with disabilities at multiple worksites throughout the region.

Funding Source

Texas Workforce Commission

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request authorization to renew the contract with ProSource Solutions Inc. through September 30, 2022, for up to \$2,025,000 in funding for work experience services to 700 individuals with disabilities. (Staff Contact: Mike Temple)

REGIONAL BROADBAND ACTION PLAN

Background

The H-GAC Special Committee on Regional Broadband met on August 24 to discuss progress on the H-GAC Agency Broadband Initiative, current funding opportunities, and proposed next steps.

Since the May launch of the Regional Broadband Planning Tool (h-gac.com/broadband), H-GAC staff have engaged with dozens of stakeholders across the region – including local/county governments, private internet companies, rural utilities, telecommunications professionals – to consult and offer technical assistance.

However, many local governments report they feel stymied in making progress on providing broadband due to a combination of grant eligibility challenges and lack of private sector interest during a time of increased demand by households, employers, and businesses during the pandemic.

Current Situation

The committee will meet again on September 9, 2021 to develop a Regional Broadband Action Plan that would allow the region's local governments to leverage economies of scale which would increase our ability to garner interest and partnership from the private sector and increase our region's collective ability to secure more funding opportunities through a comprehensive network. This plan would include two phases:

- Phase 1: engage a consulting firm to conduct a regional market analysis and feasibility study for providing higher speed, quality broadband for the region
- Phase 2: engage a consulting firm to develop a regional network design based on regional service provider networks and improvements/investments aligned with then-available funding opportunities

Phase 1 study would be pursued through an Economic Development Administration American Rescue Plan Act grant for \$550,000. This grant requires a 20% match which could come from sources including defederalized loan funds from the Houston-Galveston Local Development Corporation's Revolving Loan Fund and agency local funds.

Funding Source

Economic Development Administration \$440,000 Local Funds (20% Match) \$110,000 **Total** \$550,000

Budgeted

No

Action Requested

Request approval to apply for a grant to develop a Regional Broadband Market Analysis & Feasibility Study for an amount of \$550,000. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

CONTRACT WITH TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Background

The Texas General Land Office has allocated \$488,762,000 in Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation funds to the H-GAC region as part of its Regional Mitigation Program. H-GAC will be responsible for developing a Method of Distribution for this funding.

Current Situation

H-GAC will have six months to develop the Method of Distribution. The process will include development of a Citizen Participation Plan to provide opportunities for public input and review of the draft Method of Distribution. H-GAC will also be required to collect funding acknowledgement letters from each entity accepting or declining the funds allocated.

Funding Source

Texas General Land Office

Budgeted

Yes

Action Requested

Request authorization to negotiate a contract with the Texas General Land Office to develop the Method of Distribution for a total amount of \$105,400. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

SPRINT FORT BEND COUNTY LANDFILL

Background

H-GAC reviews solid waste facility permit and registration applications for conformance with the goals and objectives of the regional solid waste management plan.

Current Situation

Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill is applying to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for an amendment to its existing Type IV landfill permit for the facility located at 16007 West Bellfort Avenue within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Houston in Fort Bend County. They are seeking an amendment to increase the footprint of the landfill. The Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill is owned and operated by Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill, LP (Sprint).

Area Affected

The site is located in northern Fort Bend County, approximately 1.7 miles west of the intersection of State Highway 6 and West Bellfort Avenue.

Synopsis

Life Span

The expansion would extend the life span of the facility an additional 18 years for a total of 34 years remaining.

Site Entrance

Access to the site will be provided via the existing entrance off of West Bellfort Avenue, which is accessed via State Highway 6.

Acreage and Height

The existing landfill permit boundary will decrease from 337.6 to 328.2 acres. The disposal area will increase from 192 to 256.5 acres. The maximum permitted final cover elevation will remain at 200.3 feet mean sea level. Surface elevation at the facility is approximately 94.61 feet mean sea level.

Land Use

Land use within a one-mile radius of the site is shown in the following table.

Land Use	Percentage of Total Area
Residential	54%
Undeveloped & Roads	21%
Commercial	7%
Industrial	5%
Pipeline & Utility	5%
Educational & Institutional	3%
Parks & Open Space	2%
Religious Facilities	2%

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Bodies of Water

Total 100%

There are twenty-five places of worship, six schools, and two daycares within one mile of the permit boundary. The nearest residence is about 200 feet northwest of the permit boundary and about 400 feet from the waste footprint.

The facility is currently, partially within the limits of the 100-year flood plain. Sprint and Fort Bend County have entered into an agreement to relocate Red Gully from running through the middle of the property to along the southern property boundary. Once this work is complete the landfill will have seven detention ponds and will no longer be within the 100-year flood plain.

Waste Types Accepted

Waste accepted at the facility is limited to brush, construction-demolition waste, rubbish free of putrescible and household waste, Class 3 industrial solid waste, and Class 2 industrial solid waste.

When clean loads of recyclable materials such as white goods, wood, brush, metal, brick, concrete, or aggregate are brought to the landfill the materials will be set aside for recycling and reuse. Salvaging of these items will not happen if it will interfere with prompt disposal.

Hours of Waste Acceptance

The facility accepts waste Monday through Saturday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Landfill operations occur Monday through Saturday 5:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Traffic

According to TxDOT traffic counts almost 14,000 vehicles travel on West Bellfort Avenue during each 24-hour period. Approximately 400 vehicles enter and leave the facility each day – 800 total if coming and going are counted separately. At less than 6%, traffic generated by the landfill operation is a small percentage of traffic and does not contribute to unacceptable availability or adequacy of the area roadway network.

Buffer Distances

Buffer distances between the permit boundary and the permitted limit of waste will be a minimum of 50 feet.

Visual Screening

The landfill is visible from West Bellfort Avenue and Old Richmond Road.

County Landfill Siting Ordinance

In 2002 Fort Bend County Commissioners adopted the Order Prohibiting Solid Waste Disposal in Fort Bend County which bans the disposal of solid waste except for in seven designated areas of the county. One area where solid waste disposal is permitted, labeled Area Seven, encompasses the Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill. In 2018 the order was amended and Area Seven was decreased by approximately two acres, but still encompasses the full landfill.

Conformance to Review Criteria

A primary goal and supporting objectives of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, adopted by TCEQ June 2007, are relevant to this application; specifically, the following goal and objectives of the plan are affected:

Goal: Promote the planning for adequate municipal solid waste disposal, handling and management facilities.

- · Encourage the development of facilities that reduce, reuse, or recycle waste.
- · Encourage the expansion and redevelopment of existing municipal solid waste facilities, where feasible, over siting of new facilities.

Local Government Notice & Comments

As part of the review process for solid waste management permits, H-GAC asks for local government comments. In July 2021, H-GAC contacted elected officials and employees of Fort Bend County, the City of Sugar Land, and the City of Houston. To date, H-GAC has not received any comments.

Staff Comments & Recommendations

Staff looked at the compliance history for the landfill which takes into consideration any violations received within the previous five years. Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill received five violations, with the most recent being in February 2019. All violations have been resolved. The landfill has a compliance rating of 0.00, the best rating possible, and a classification of high.

Staff also reviewed the Fort Bend County landfill siting ordinance which has designated seven areas in the county as approved for solid waste disposal, one of which encompasses the Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

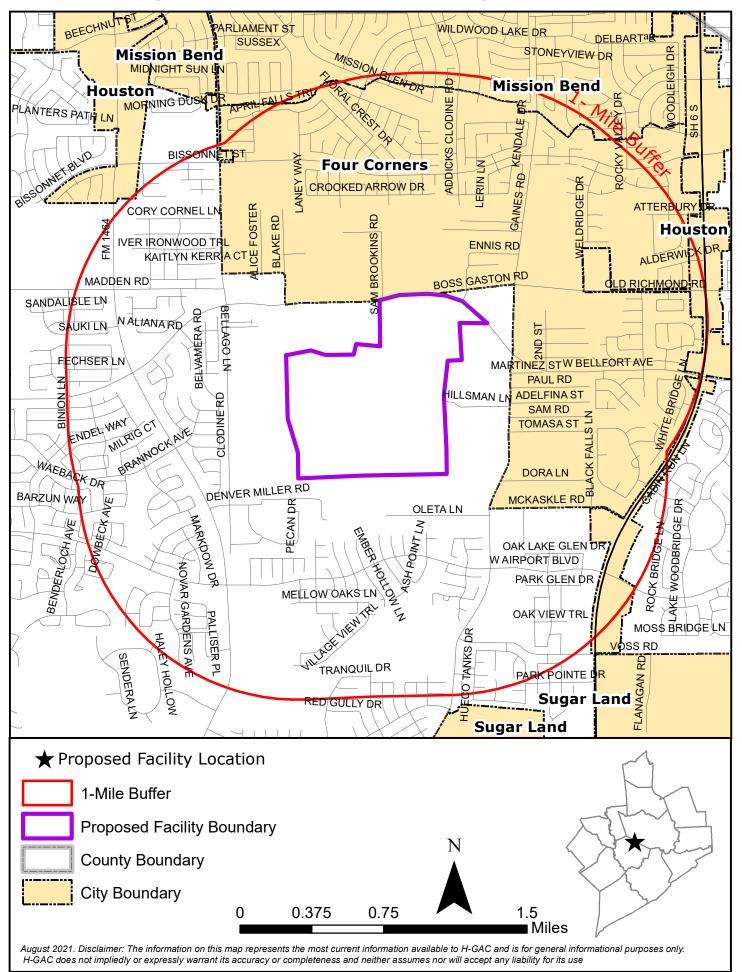
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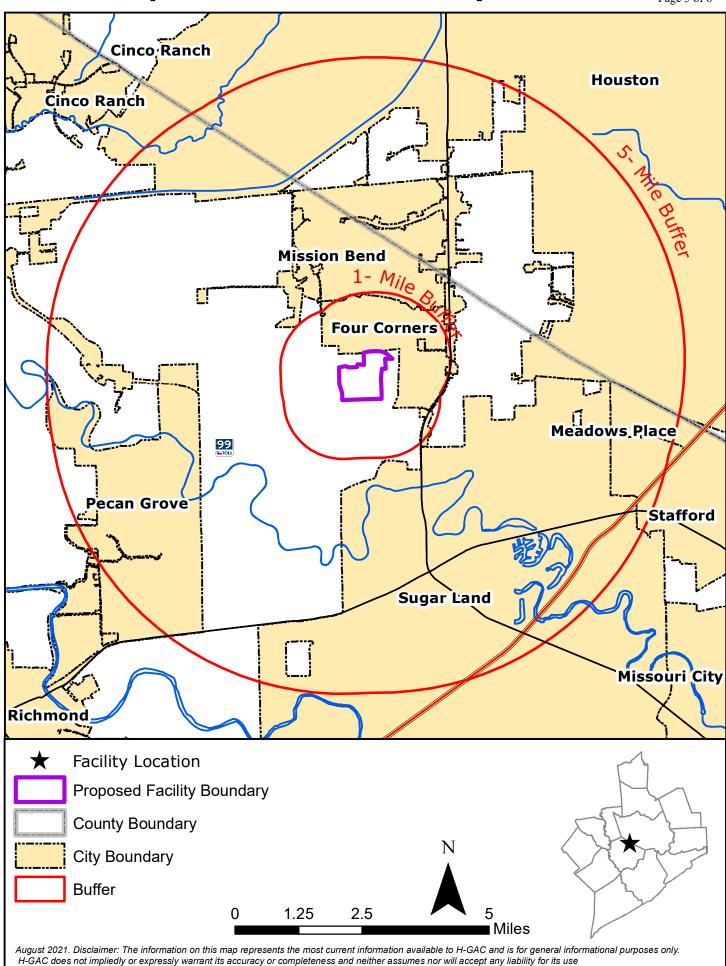
Action Requested

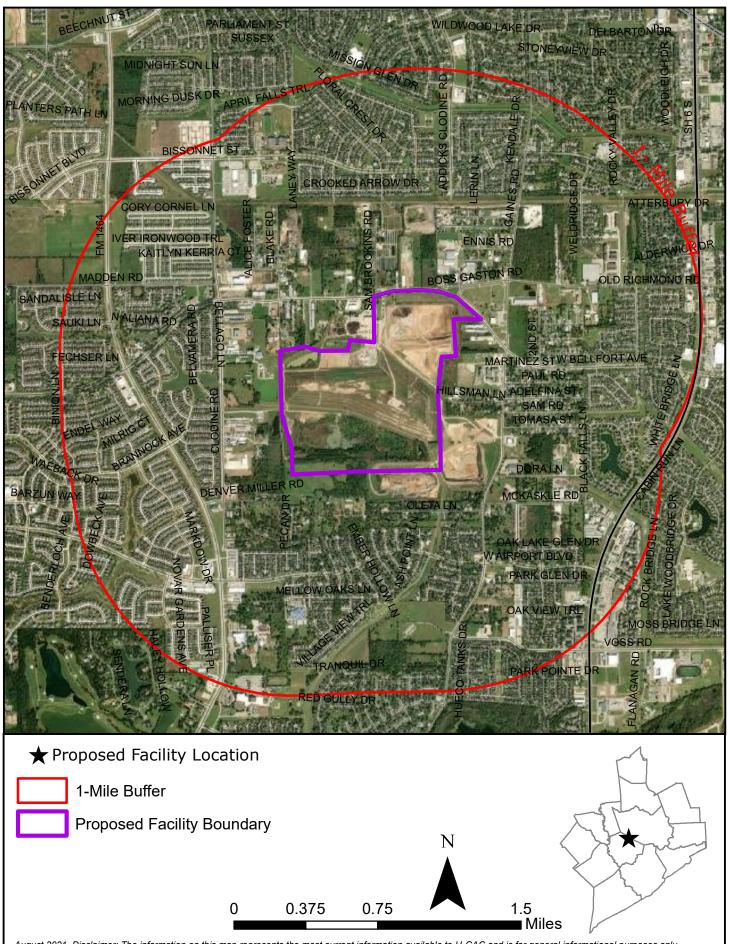
Request the project be found consistent with comments with plans, policies and H-GAC review criteria. (Staff Contact: Erin Livingston)

ATTACHMENTS:

Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill Maps







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DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION GRANTS PORT HOUSTON CLEAN DIESEL GRANT APPLICATION

Background

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is awarding \$46 million in grants to eligible entities as part of the 2021 Diesel Emission Reduction Act Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. This program solicits proposals annually from across the nation to fund projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions. Specifically, this program focuses on distributing funding to areas that have been designated as having poor air quality. Consequently, projects with operations in Houston are eligible for funding under this program.

Current Situation

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has provided preliminary approval for a competitive federal grant application, submitted by Port Houston. This project will operate within the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria ozone nonattainment region and will repower two existing tugboats, owned by a project partner, that operate within the Houston Ship Channel. Replacement engines will significantly reduce ozone-forming emissions from these vessels.

The project is consistent with the goals of the 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area, the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, and is supportive of H-GAC's policies and efforts to improve regional air quality and meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone.

Funding Source

Environmental Protection Agency and other leveraged funds

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request that the project proposed by Port Houston for \$8,400,000 be found consistent with plans, policies, and H-GAC review criteria. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE UPDATE

Background

The H-GAC Board of Directors Water Resources Committee has been working to identify and support flood mitigation projects of regional significance. The committee also deliberates and provides recommendations to the Board regarding significant funding and policy issues pertaining to flood mitigation and water supply.

Current Situation

The Water Resources Committee will meet on September 8, 2021. The committee will consider elevating the follow project on H-GAC's Priority Flood Mitigation Projects List from Tier 2 to Tier 1:

Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou Flood Mitigation Plan Study – Multiple local partners worked with the US Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a \$1.5 million flood mitigation study of the Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou watersheds of Galveston County. The local participants included League City, Friendswood, Harris County Flood Control District, and Galveston County, with Brazoria County and Pearland as potential contributing participants. The study was finalized in 2021, and evaluated combinations of detention, conveyance improvements, flood tunnels and other alternatives ranging from \$275 million to \$1.25 billion for Lower Clear Creek and \$220 to \$500 million for Dickinson Bayou. The primary recommendation of the study is a subsequent evaluation to refine estimates of costs and benefits and recommend a preferred (https://www.leaguecity.com/3645/Lower-Clear-Creek-Dickinson-Bayou-Waters) alternative. (Covered areas noted in description).

The committee will also continue its discussion of the Method of Distribution for the regional allocation of Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation funds.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request approval of Water Resources Committee to H-GAC Priority Flood Mitigation Projects List. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

ATTACHMENTS:

Priority Flood Mitigation Projects List Cover Memo

H-GAC PRIORITY FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS For H-GAC Board of Directors consideration September 21, 2021

The H-GAC Board of Directors has approved this project priority list, grouped into priority tiers indicating the level of engagement and support H-GAC could provide. This list will be regularly reviewed and updated, as necessary.

TIER 1: Projects benefitting multiple jurisdictions for which there are specific opportunities for H-GAC to provide support, coordination, or to serve as the lead in securing funding.

Cedar Bayou Alliance – Judge Sylvia of Chambers County appointed H-GAC to lead a coalition of governments and industry in the Cedar Bayou watershed of Harris, Chambers, and Liberty Counties to identify joint flood mitigation projects. H-GAC has been working with Cedar Bayou Alliance partners to identify and promote projects of shared priority and to coordinate activities among the entities involved. Longer term steps may include creating a special district/authority to develop revenue and implement resiliency projects in the watershed (*Harris, Liberty and Chambers Counties; Cities of Baytown, Mont Belvieu*).

Lower Colorado River and San Bernard River Flood Warning System – Wharton, Colorado, and Matagorda Counties, and the Cities of Bay City, Columbus, and Wharton, along with the Lower Colorado River Authority, have collaborated on a study of the Lower Colorado River, post-Harvey. This project involves new inundation maps that can be used to enhance flood warning information. H-GAC and Wharton County are considering potential funding opportunities to mirror this modeling and mapping project in the San Bernard River and Caney Creek Watersheds and install river gauges in both Lower Colorado and San Bernard systems (*Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Lee, Matagorda, Wharton*).

Chambers County and City of Mont Belvieu Flood Protection Planning for Watersheds Chambers County and the Cities of Liberty, Dayton and Mont Belvieu, in coordination with other local entities, are currently involved in a flood protection planning project for approximately 900 miles of watersheds in Chambers, Liberty, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties. The project will develop hydrologic models for the study area and produce inundation maps for a variety of storm events. The project will also seek to identify areas of highest risk, recommend flood mitigation measures to address them and develop planning level estimates of provable costs. (Chambers, Liberty, Harris, Galveston, and Jefferson counties; Cities of Mont Belvieu, Liberty and Dayton).

Lower Brazos Flood Protection Planning Study –Includes analysis of medium- to large-scale structural solutions and buyouts, and recommendations for additional modeling, engineering, and environmental studies that benefit parts of the region along the lower Brazos River. The study involved several of H-GAC's local governments and includes some projects inside the region and others that, while outside the region, would benefit H-GAC counties and their communities (*Fort Bend, Brazoria, Austin, and Waller Counties*).

Brazos River Pinch Point Project - This project would use structural barriers to prevent further erosion of a new channel through a pinch point of the Brazos River near Simonton, at a cost of \$25.8 million. The barriers would protect area landowners and communities, prevent

higher river velocities downstream, and ensure the viability of existing emergency evacuation routes and the Allen's Creek Reservoir project (Fort Bend County, Missouri City, Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, Sugar Land, Thompsons, Weston Lakes).

Coordinated Detention Pilot Project – Waller County is seeking funding to implement a series of coordinated detention basin network pilot installations in multiple watersheds. The pilot study would involve installation of sensors on existing detention basins and engineering assessment of downstream impacts from coordinated releases, focusing on disaster and risk mitigation. The study will model hydrological benefits for potential flood loss reduction, positive impacts to low-to-moderate income communities, and water quality and conservation benefits. The project will also assess how the data may support alternative engineering, construction and maintenance of detention-retention assets and how it may impact placement of future retrofits (*Waller County*).

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TIER 2: Projects that H-GAC endorses which benefit individual or multiple jurisdictions and for which funding already exists or is programmed.

Metropolitan Houston Regional Watershed Assessment – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is conducting a 22-watershed assessment of drainage planning and flood mitigation in the Houston area in conjunction with the Harris County Flood Control District and other local partners (22 watersheds in Harris County and adjacent counties).

Southeast Texas Flood Control District – Liberty and Chambers counties are participating in ongoing flood control studies and efforts as part of an 8-county southeast Texas area effort that also includes several area river authorities. Additional work is ongoing through 2021 as a continuation of these studies (*Liberty and Chambers Counties; areas outside the region*).

Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) Bond Projects – Projects arising from HCFCD's <u>2018 bond program</u> are moving forward throughout the county, and the District is coordinating with local partners (*Harris County*).

Harris County Flood Tunnel Study – the first phase of the study identified flood tunnels as a viable flood management option to study further. The second phase is currently underway, looking at potential routing, and will complete soon. A third phase looking at more specific design will take an additional 12-18 months (*Harris County*).

San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan – multiple local jurisdictions worked to develop the San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan. Using Atlas 14 rainfall data to develop inundation maps and estimates of impacted areas, the plan identified flood mitigation projects and policies that can be implemented in the near- and long-term to reduce flood risks to people and property throughout the San Jacinto watershed. (Harris County Flood Control District, San Jacinto River Authority, Montgomery County, City of Houston).

TIER 3: Projects that do not currently have specific components identified that could be advanced for funding. H-GAC will continue to track progress on these projects and provide coordination or support as warranted.

River Authority Flood Mitigation Implementation—The committee discussed the potential future role for river authorities to implement flood mitigation planning and implementation activities. San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) is considering this type of approach and also developing a <u>Flood Forecasting and Reservoir Operations Tool</u> to help predict peak releases from Lake Conroe and better coordinate with local emergency management entities. The expected completion is Spring, 2021 (*Montgomery and Harris Counties; additional counties covered by other Authorities*).

Flood Upgrades – Fort Bend County – Fort Bend County is working to improve its flood readiness by incorporating Atlas 14 into its infrastructure planning and design and flood risk assessments as part of an interim drainage criteria manual. Portions of Fort Bend County, especially those areas impacted by Barker Reservoir during Hurricane Harvey, have also been the focus of several recent studies and efforts, including a 2018 study on the feasibility of a levee on the western end of Barker reservoir and a 2019 desilting project (*Fort Bend County*).

Summary of Projects by Tier and H-GAC Local Governments Benefitting

Tier 1	H-GAC Local Governments Benefitting
Cedar Bayou Alliance	Harris, Liberty and Chambers Counties; Cities of
	Baytown and Mont Belvieu.
Lower Colorado River and San Bernard	Portions of Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend,
River Flood Warning System	Matagorda, and Wharton counties and cities
	therein; portions of Fayette and Lee Counties
	outside of H-GAC region.
Chambers County and City of Mont Belvieu	Chambers, Liberty, Harris, Galveston, and
Flood Protection Planning for Watersheds	Jefferson Counties; Cities of Mont Belvieu, Liberty
	and Dayton.
Lower Brazos Flood Protection Planning	Areas within the Lower Brazos River watershed;
Study	including some outside the region.
Brazos River Pinch Point Project	Fort Bend County, Missouri City, Richmond,
	Rosenberg, Simonton, Sugar Land, Thompsons,
	Weston Lakes

Coordinated Detention Pilot Project	Waller County
Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou	Areas in Harris and Galveston County, League
Study	City, Friendswood and other area municipalities
	within the Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou
	watersheds.
Tier 2	
Metropolitan Houston Regional Watershed	22 watersheds in Harris, Chambers, Liberty,
Assessment	Galveston, Brazoria, Fort Bend County,
	Montgomery, and Waller Counties.
Southeast Texas Flood Control District	Liberty and Chambers Counties; six (6) other
	southeast Texas counties outside the region; River
	authorities in the study area.
Harris County Flood Control District	Harris County
(HCFCD) Bond Projects	
Harris County Flood Tunnel Study	Harris County
San Jacinto River Master Drainage Plan	Harris County, Montgomery County, City of
	Houston, other local governments and organizations
	in the San Jacinto River Basin above Highway I-10.
Tier 3	
River Authority Flood Mitigation	Harris and Montgomery Counties, potentially other
Implementation	river authorities and counties.
Flood Upgrades Fort Bend County	Areas within Fort Bend County,
	including those impacted by Barker Reservoir.

H-GAC 2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Background

H-GAC advisory committees are appointed by H-GAC's Board as a whole, based upon nominations from individual Board members and other groups. This month there are nominations to the Aging and Disability Advisory Committee, Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization, Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation, Natural Resources Advisory Committee, Regional Air Quality and Planning Advisory Committee, Regional Flood Management Committee, Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council, and Solid Waste Management Committee.

Current Situation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request approval of appointments to H-GAC advisory committees. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

ATTACHMENTS:

H-GAC SEPTEMBER 2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

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H-GAC SEPTEMBER 2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Aging and Disability Advisory Committee

Advise H-GAC Board on needs, services, and programs for older citizens in 12 H-GAC counties (all but Harris).

Nomination received for term expiring December 2023:

Name Representing Nominated by

Breah Knape Brazoria County Commissioner Adams

Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization

Promote coexistence of air quality improvement and economic development by generating and trading emission reduction credits.

Nomination received for term expiring May 2024:

Name Representing Nominated by

Will Nipper Brazoria County-Large Industry Commissioner Adams

Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation

Implement small business loan program by receiving loans for fixed assets; Small Business Administration provides financing.

Nomination received for term expiring May 2022:

Name Representing Nominated by

Brandon Dansby Brazoria County Commissioner Adams

Natural Resources Advisory Committee

This committee makes recommendations to the Board on issues related to natural resources in the Gulf Coast Planning Region.

Nominations received for terms expiring May 2023:

NameRepresentingNominated byAyanna Jolivet McCloudHarris CountyJudge Hidalgo

Christina Moore Brazoria County Commissioner Adams

Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee

Advises the H-GAC Board, local governments, and state agencies on regional air quality issues.

Nominations received for terms expiring June 2022:

Representing	Nominated by
Citizen/Environment	Commissioner Adams
Citizen/Environment	Commissioner Adams
Business/Industry	Commissioner Adams
	Citizen/Environment

Regional Flood Management Committee

The Regional Flood Management Council's purpose is to assist and advise elected officials in their decision-making responsibilities by making recommendations on issues related to all aspects of flood management in the Gulf Coast Planning Region.

Nominations received for terms expiring May 2023:

Name	Representing	Nominated by
Joe Ripple (Primary)	Brazoria County	Commissioner Adams
Clay Forister (Alt.)	Brazoria County	Commissioner Adams

Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council

Coordinates local planning for Homeland Security.

Nomination received for term expiring May 2023:

Name	Representing	Nominated by
Thomas Munoz (Alt.)	City of Houston	Mayor Turner

Solid Waste Management Committee

Advises H-GAC Board and its member local governments on solid waste management issues.

Nomination received for term expiring May 2022:

Name	Representing	Nominated by
Amy Tasto	Subregion 4 – Brazoria County	Commissioner Adams

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT - H-GAC BOARD COMPOSITION

Background

In April 2021, Board of Directors Chair Judge Phillip Spenrath appointed a special committee of Board members to analyze the results of the most recent federal census, identify potential impacts on representation for the region, and make recommendations to the H-GAC Board on possible bylawamendments.

Current Situation

Members of the Special Committee on Board Composition met on August 25, 2021 to discuss various voting options and composition scenarios.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Report from Special Committee on H-GAC Board Composition. No action requested. For information only. (Contact: Chair, Commissioner Adrian Garcia)

H-GAC SPOTLIGHT – IMPROVING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS IN THE REGION

Background

The purpose of this Regional Interoperable Communications Plan is to provide an operational guide for radio interoperability – allowing different radio systems to work with one another – amongst agencies within the H-GAC region.

Current Situation

The current plan supersedes a previous version drafted in 2014 and is augmented with information regarding the regional interoperable radio communications equipment and infrastructure. For more information, please contact Justin.Riley@h-gac.com.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

No action requested. For information only. (Staff Contact: Justin Riley)

CURRENT AND UPCOMING H-GAC ACTIVITIES

Background

N/A

Current Situation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Report on current and upcoming H-GAC activities. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

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