

Environmental Hazmat Services Contract Approval

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee
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Background

Contract Purpose

- Protect public health of all residents & city employees
- Disposal of hazardous waste by properly trained and equipped hazardous waste management professionals
- Cleaning of public space
- Collect, inventory, store, and secure items

Agency Utilization

- DDPHE sponsoring agency
 - Hazardous waste management
- Also utilized by
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Dpt. of Safety
 - DOTI

Agreement Details

- On call services
- Three-year duration
 - Optional 2-year extension
- \$4M maximum spend amount

Hazardous waste is...

Household hazardous waste



CORROSIVE
Batteries
Drain Cleaners
Oven Cleaners



TOXIC
Pesticides
Rat Poison
Pharmaceuticals
Cleaning Fluids



REACTIVE
Pool Chemicals
Ammonia
Bleach
Aerosols



FLAMMABLE
Paints, Solvents
Oils, Gasoline
BBQ Starter
Propane Cylinders



Hazardous waste is...

Chemical and medical waste



Additional materials collected...

Sharps & drug paraphernalia



Additional materials collected ...

- Human & animal waste
- Food waste
- Soiled bedding
- Hazardous consumer goods
- Unusual collected items- refrigerants, industrial chemicals

Public areas cleaned:

Alleys, sidewalks, near city buildings, parks & adjacent areas, riverbanks



Contract amendments

- 2020: Amended to include rapid response services
- 2021: Added two years and new contract language that EHS and their staff are to:
 - Attend and pass city-sponsored sensitivity training
 - Never engage with or negotiate with members of the public on behalf of the City in on-site clean-ups, always defer to City representatives

Contract extension and amendment changes (continued) :

In 2021, new contract language that EHS and their staff are to:

- Participate in structured on-site performance reviews with city staff
- Improve invoice practices to break-out on-site clean-up from off-site storage operation charges
- Comply at all times with Lyall Settlement where relevant to their tasks as directed by City Attorney's Office

City oversight & coordination

- Sign-off by city staff of EHS work completion
- Checklist for DOTI completion of site clean-up
- Improved cleanup process

Contract expenditures

| Agency | Obligated/Encumbered Amount | Total Amount Spent | Total Amount Remaining on existing Obligations |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Gen Svcs | \$58,986 | \$9,394 | \$49,592 |
| Police | \$86,093 | \$85,965 | \$128 |
| DOTI | \$1,857,348 | \$1,709,999 | \$147,349 |
| DDPHE | \$59,286 | \$50,594 | \$8,691 |
| Parks | \$741,882 | \$669,942 | \$71,940 |
| Totals | \$2,803,596 | \$2,525,895 | \$277,701 |
| Max Contract Value | \$6,000,000 | \$2,123,629 | \$3,876,371 |
| | | | Contract value remaining |

Resolution 24-0392

- Approves a contract with Environmental Hazmat Services, Inc. for \$4,000,000 and for three years for the collection of discarded and abandoned solid wastes including putrescible wastes, medical waste, drug paraphernalia, and other materials in alleys, sidewalks, parks, and other public spaces, citywide.



Questions?

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