



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, December 08, 2021

SUBJECT

Amendment Number 2 to Oscar Renda Contracting, Inc. for the Emergency Repair and Rehabilitation to Frontera Force Mains

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2020, the PSB in its regular meeting authorized EPWater to enter into an emergency contract with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. and Oscar Renda Contracting, Inc. for the urgent public necessity to repair, rehabilitate, and replace the Frontera Force Mains with a new 36-inch fiberglass reinforced pipeline. Phase 1 of the three-phase project is ongoing and is 85% complete. With the eminent completion of phase 1, and the remaining existing Frontera Force Mains' continued vulnerability to corrosion, the attention turns to phase 2 of the project, which will replace the next 5,000 linear feet of the existing force mains with a new fiberglass reinforced pipe. Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. will design the next phase in conjunction with Oscar Renda Contracting, Inc. Design and construction of the next phase will be tasked in 2022 with anticipated completion in early 2023.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES SUPPORTED

Improve Infrastructure

EVALUATION PROCESS

Oscar Renda Contracting, Inc. was selected to continue performing the replacement and rehabilitation of these force mains based on their qualifications to expedite and successfully complete large diameter pipeline work. Oscar Renda Contracting, Inc. is a national construction company specializing in large diameter pipeline installations and repairs. Their portfolio includes installation of pipeline as large as 144-inches as well as smaller diameter pipelines such as our 48-inch Paisano Valley water line and the 60-inch Magnolia Force Main. Specifically, on the Frontera Force Mains, since 2016, they have completed the emergency replacement of valves, several pipeline repairs, and installed phase 1 of the new Frontera Force Main. They are the most qualified company to complete this work.

The procurement continues to fall within the exemptions found in Section 252.022(a)(3) of the Texas Local Government Code, which allows for a procurement necessary because of unforeseen damage to public machinery, equipment, or other property and Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code, procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health and safety. EPWater staff and the construction team have reviewed several alternatives and selected the one most beneficial to EPWater. Staff has been in coordination with the contractor, verified the proposed level of effort required to carry out the work, and has been negotiating costs. The construction costs being submitted are in line with current industry trends.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Sufficient funds are available in Account Number 3394, and the funding sources are the Improvement Fund and the Commercial Paper Fund.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and approve a Second Amendment to the contract with Oscar Renda Contracting, Inc. for the urgent public necessity to repair, rehabilitate, and replace the Frontera Force Mains in the amount of \$5,000,000 for additional emergency construction work; authorize the issuance of future amendments in the estimated amount of \$22,000,000 provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the amendments; and authorize the use of commercial paper.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

None