

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 208

Approved May 17, 2021



RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council
hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of
Contract and Supply in accordance with Section 21-26 of the Code of Ordinances.

The Providence Center
(Healthy Communities Office)

\$89,570.00

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 6 2021
READ AND PASSED


PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date: 5/17/21

Office of the Internal Auditor
City of Providence



March 9, 2021

Mr. Shawn Selleck
City Clerk's Office
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Shawn:

I am writing to request that the following requested contract awards be submitted to the City Council and the Finance Committee for approval:

- **Human Resources:**
 - Contract extension with **Mercer** for Healthcare Consultant for a total amount not to exceed **\$56,250.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26;
- **Public Works:**
 - Approval to pay **URW** for Sign Plotting Equipment in the amount of **\$13,540.00** in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26;
- **Water Supply Board:**
 - Award to **W. Walsh Company, Inc** for the replacement and rehabilitation of water matins and appurtenances within upper Auburn, Cranston in the amount of **\$2,400,000.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (a);
 - Award to **Neptune Technology Group Inc** for various xize no lead water meters up to 2" for an amount not to exceed **\$1,950,000.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (a);
- **Law Department:**
 - Approval to pay **Westlaw (Thomson Reuters)** for a three-year contract for online legal research for a total amount not to exceed **\$139,821.57** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (a);

▪ **Healthy Communities Office:**

- Award to **The Providence Center** for behavioral diversion planning services in the amount of **\$89,570.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26;

Sincerely,



Gina M. Costa

Internal Auditor

Cc: Emmanuel Eccheviera, Director of Human Resources
Leo Perrotta, Director of Public Works
Jeff Dana, City Solicitor
Ricky Carulo, General manager, WSB
Brenda Almonte, Director of Public Property
Rachel Newman-Greene, Interim Director, HCO
Alejandro Tirado, Associate Director of Purchasing
James J. Lombardi, III, Treasurer/Senior Advisor to City Council



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES OFFICE
Mayor Jorge O. Elorza | City of Providence

March 4th 2021

The Honorable Jorge O. Elorza
Chairman, Board of Contract and Supply
City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVERSION PLANNING SERVICES**
MinuteTraq ID#: 30689 Minority Participation: 0 % MBE , 0 % WBE
Account Code(s):
1. 101-917-53420

Dear Mayor Elorza,

DATE OF BID OPENING: February 4th 2021

RECOMMENDED BIDDER & THEIR ADDRESS:

- The Providence Center, 528 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904

TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED: Total amount not to exceed \$89,570.00

In response to our request for proposal regarding the above entitled, our department received the following bid(s)
(Listed by low bidder first):

	VENDOR NAME	BASE (minimum reqs.)	TOTAL (final specifications)
1	The Providence Center	\$89,570.00	\$89,570.00
2	Tides Family Services	\$108,939.98	\$108,939.98
3	Fio Partners, LLC	\$120,787.00	\$120,787.00
4	Health Management Associates, Inc.	\$142,835.00	\$142,835.00
5	VICTA	\$147,089.66	\$147,089.66

- ☒ On the basis of said bids, we recommend the low bidder, as identified on **LINE 1**, whose bid has met the specifications.
- ☐ On the basis of said bids, we recommend the bidder identified on **LINE: _____**. While not the apparent low bidder, a review of the bids reveal that it is in the best interest of the City to reject the low bidder. See the Explanation box below.
- ☐ On the basis of said bids, we recommend multiple bidders identified on **LINES: _____**. A review of the bids reveal that it is in the best interest of the City to utilize these bidders together. See the Explanation box below.

Additional documentation to support the decision for this award is attached to this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Newman Greene, Interim Director, HCO

Financial Approval: _____

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HEALTHY COMMUNITIES OFFICE

Mayor Jorge O. Elorza | City of Providence

Department Subject Matter Expert: Rachel Newman Greene

By signing, the subject matter expert certifies the following: That the recommended vendor(s) is/are the lowest, qualified bidder(s) with regards to the corresponding specifications. That all bids corresponding to this award were reviewed for completeness and that the recommended bidder's submission is inclusive of all required documents.

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The Providence Center

Category		Alhams, Jessica	Bailey, Dennis	Fox, PJ	Kenyott, Zachariah	Keenan-Greene, Rachel	Seaberry, Jordan	Shepard, Tina	Jacob, Bret	Bull-Rake, Akilah	Randlins, Henry
Project Proposal (max 30 pts) 1/ Proposed work plan supports the project's goals and strategies; and activities set out in the Scope of Services. 2/ Project activities support improved behavioral health outcomes for people in Providence. 3/ Applicant demonstrates understanding of needs and challenges that impact behavioral health and social service connections for people in Providence. 4/ Project activities are clearly defined and described. 5/ Time commitment of staff is appropriate to the project.											
	20	15	22	20	10	15	18	20	10	23	
Timeline & Budget Proposal (max 20 pts) 1/ Timeline of work is feasible and the planning phase can be completed by June 30, 2021. 2/ Budget is in alignment with the proposed activities.	15	15	15	15	15	10	12	15	5	8	
Organizational Experience (max 30 pts) 1/ Qualifications and relevant organization and staff experience, including partnering agencies. 2/ Demonstrated success on past projects of similar scope and complexity. 3/ Demonstrated commitment to addressing behavioral health and social service outcomes align with the goals and strategies of this project.											
	20	20	22	20	20	20	20	20	5	20	
Cost Proposal (max 20 pts) The total maximum allowable bid for this project is \$150,000. The bidder with the lowest bid will be awarded 20 points, and the highest bid will be awarded 10 points. Any bids in between will receive points in proportion to their distance between the low and high bids. <i>For example, if the highest bidder bids \$150,000 and the lowest bids \$130,000, a bid of \$140,000 will receive a score of 15 points.</i>	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	Total
Total	75	70	79	75	65	65	70	75	40	71	685

Health Management Associates, Inc.									
Category	Althaus, Jessica	Boyer, PJ	Kenny, Zachariah	Seabury, Jordan	Shepard, Tina	Tracy, Brett	Willis-Karla, Althea	Renoldina, Henry	
Project Proposal (max 30 pts) 1/ Proposed work plan supports the project's goals and strategies; and activities set out in the Scope of Services. 2/ Project activities support improved behavioral health outcomes for people in Providence. 3/ Applicant demonstrates understanding of needs and challenges that impact behavioral health and social service connections for people in Providence. 4/ Project activities are clearly defined and described. 5/ Time commitment of staff is appropriate to the project.	20	15	21	22	20	20	15	15	
	10	10	12	14	15	10	10	18	
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Total	57.5	57.5	63.5	70.5	62.5	62.5	51.5	61.5	612

Tides Family Services

Category/												
	Athens, Jessica	Barber, Dennis	Fox, PJ	Kanyon, Zachariah	Newman-Greene, Rachel	Shepard, Tina	Jacob, Blair	Dulin-Kaira, Akilah	Renolina, Henry			
Project Proposal (max 30 pts) 1/ Proposed work plan supports the project's goals and strategies; and activities set out in the Scope of Services. 2/ Project activities support improved behavioral health outcomes for people in Providence. 3/ Applicant demonstrates understanding of needs and challenges that impact behavioral health and social service connections for people in Providence. 4/ Project activities are clearly defined and described. 5/ Time commitment of staff is appropriate to the project.	10	10	15	15	8	15	12	10	11	3		
	8	8	12	10	10	15	8	10	7	6		
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Total	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	Total	476
	43	43	62	60	43	55	45	47	46	32		

MEMORANDUM

To: Rachel Newman Greene, Interim Director, HCO
Kenneth Chiavarini, Deputy City Solicitor

By: Adrienne Southgate, Deputy City Solicitor

On: April 15, 2021

Re: Providence Center – Conflict of Interest

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review the circumstances around which the Providence City Council Committee on Finance raised a question about the legitimacy of the Providence Center serving as a consultant for the diversion program being conducted under the auspices of the Healthy Communities Office.

Both our Municipal Integrity Officer, Rosa Arias-Perry, and I have reviewed and discussed the role of the Providence Center. As pointed out in the Finance Committee hearing, the Providence Center is the leading provider for diversion services in the capital city. However, the role it is being asked to play is in helping to craft a Request for Proposals which might provide a point of entry to other non-profits who could provide some or all of the services contemplated. Simply because the Providence Center serves as a consultant in what is a completely public process should not disqualify it from ultimately submitting its own bid on the work outlined in the RFP. This is analogous to other situations in which consultants ultimately become vendors. The position both the Law Department and the Purchasing Department have taken is that, so long as no proprietary information is shared, there is no meaningful conflict of interest.