

RESOLUTION NO. 23-08

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH MRI SOFTWARE, LLC, TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES

WHEREAS, Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA), issued its Quotation for Small Purchases No. 23-01 (QSP) on January 8, 2023, soliciting proposals from interested vendors to provide Software and Software Support Services primarily to assist HCHA in administering its Housing Choice Voucher program; and

WHEREAS, the QSP was advertised in the Houston Chronicle on January 8, 2023 and January 15, 2023, notice of the QSP was emailed by HCHA to five different software companies that provide services of the kind sought by HCHA, and the QSP was posted on HCHA's website; and

WHEREAS, HCHA received two responses to the QSP, those responses being from the following software companies:

Yardi Systems, Inc. (Yardi); and

MRI Software, LLC (MRI): and

WHEREAS, MRI is HCHA's current software provider for the services requested in the QSP, HCHA's staff considers MRI to be a responsible software provider, and MRI provided a proposal consisting of an annual fee of \$39,724.32; and

WHEREAS, Yardi proposed an annual fee of \$189,144.00, and changing vendors from MRI to Yardi would mean an additional cost for data conversion and training, resulting in additional costs to HCHA during the first year of \$263,144.00; and

WHEREAS, HCHA's staff found the two responding companies met the required qualifications and their proposals reasonably complied with the requirements of the QSP; and

WHEREAS, HCHA's staff reviewed, evaluated, and ranked the responses to the QSP, finding that MRI's response ranked first and Yardi's response ranked second; and

WHEREAS, MRI's proposal was determined by HCHA's staff to be the most advantageous to HCHA, and HCHA's staff recommends awarding the contract to MRI;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by HCHA's Board of Commissioners that Melissa Quijano, HCHA's Acting Executive Director is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a contract for Software Services with MRI Software, LLC, which authority includes:

- 1. The authority to negotiate and execute a contract or renewal of the existing contract containing terms and conditions substantially similar to those under which MRI now provides services to HCHA but at the price stated in MRI's recent proposal; and
- 2. The authority to take such other actions necessary or convenient to carry out this resolution.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners this 15th day of February 2023.

Chair: July Wurth

Attachment: MRI Contract