



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

First Amendment to the Purchase Authorization with Vortex Services LLC for pipe bursting videoing and assessment.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the First Amendment to the Purchase Authorization with Vortex Services LLC (Vortex) for pipe bursting, videoing, and assessment.

- The agreement, Contract No. 25-0606-PB, with Vortex utilizes The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) RFP 231102 contract for pipe bursting, videoing, and assessment with the Texas Region 8 Education Service Center.
- The agreement was approved by the County Administrator on July 21, 2025, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000.00.
- This first amendment increases the expenditure cap in the amount of \$600,000.00 for a revised total contract amount of \$850,000.00.
- Additionally, this first amendment revises the agreement end date from February 28, 2027, to January 31, 2027, to align with the TIPS contract.
- Funding for this agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget, under the Surface Water Pipe Lining/Remove & Replace program, project 002625A, funded by the Surface Water Utility Fee and under Storm Sewer Pipeline Rehabilitation and Cured-in-Place Pipe, project 002064A, funded by Local Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Penny for Pinellas).

Contract 25-0606-PB increase in the amount of \$600,000.00 for a revised total contract amount of \$850,000.00, effective through January 31, 2027; Authorize the Chairman to sign and Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Strategic Priorities:

Resilient Infrastructure and Environment

1.2 Maintain and enhance County infrastructure

1.4 Improve environmental quality

Summary:

This First Amendment to the agreement will allow for videoing, cleaning, and assessment of the stormwater and sanitary sewer pipeline infrastructure. This will allow for a continuation of services in the interim while a new contract is re-bid and awarded.

Background Information:

The current agreement with Vortex Companies LLC, Contract 25-0606-PB, utilizes the TIPS agreement and provides a temporary solution for assessment of stormwater pipe infrastructure until a

permanent contract is bid out and awarded.

TIPS is a governmental entity that provides a valuable solution to public entities by performing the public procurement solicitation process and awarding compliant contracts to qualified vendors. The use of TIPS allows public entities to quickly select and purchase their preferred products and services from qualified, competitively evaluated vendors through cooperative purchasing.

Fiscal Impact:

Approved Expenditure not-to-exceed:	\$250,000.00
First Amendment not-to-exceed:	\$600,000.00
Revised Contract Expenditures not-to-exceed:	\$850,000.00

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Staff Member Responsible:

Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works
Merry Celeste, Purchasing Division Director, Office of Management and Budget

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

First Amendment