



Commission Meeting

August 15, 2023

HCD_ Agreement for Lead Hazard Reduction Program Instructor Service Approval Request

Department:	HCD
Presenter:	Hawthorne Welcher, Jr. and/or HCD Staff
Caption:	Motion to approve HCD's request to enter into a service agreement with The Environmental Institute for one (1) Instructor to administer a Lead Worker and Renovation, Repair, and Paint (RRP) course. (Approved by Administrative Services Committee August 8, 2023)
Background:	<p>On October 5, 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes awarded \$3,960,000.00 million to Augusta, Georgia as part of the record investment of \$126 million nationwide to 26 state and local government agencies, that will help protect Augusta children and families from lead-based paint and home health hazards. The LGHR grants include \$3,960,000.00 in Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction grant program funding and \$400,000.00 in HUD's Healthy Homes Supplemental funding. The Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program grants include \$13,051,392 million nationwide in HUD's Healthy Homes Supplemental funding to help communities address housing-related health and safety hazards, in addition to lead-based paint hazards.</p> <p>Approximately three-quarters of the nation's housing stock built before 1978 (approximately 64 million dwellings) contains some lead-based paint. When properly maintained and managed, this paint poses little risk. However, 1.7 million children have blood lead levels above safe limits, mostly due to exposure to lead-based paint hazards</p> <p>The federally funded HUD based Lead Hazard Reduction Grant aims to reduce these Augusta numbers. Through the administration of these funds HCD will remediate 90 properties furthering the enhancement and stabilization Augusta's housing stock.</p>
Analysis:	Augusta is required by The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes to provide local training and certifications in Lead Worker and Renovation, Repair, and Paint (RRP) aimed to grow the skills of the local work force and increase the pool of applicants that can participate on the upcoming lead-based

paint hazard reduction projects as part of the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant. Through a competitive selection process, HCD requests to enter into an agreement with The Environmental Institute (TEI) to instruct both the Lead Worker and the RRP classes. TEI has been providing quality environmental training since 1988 and is considered a leader in this arena. TEI has Georgia DNR/EPD Accreditation Certificates for both their Lead Worker and RRP courses.

Financial Impact: HCD utilizes CDBG funds
Contractor Amount: \$14,000
Contractor: The Environmental Institute

Alternatives: Deny HCD's request

Recommendation: Motion to approve HCD's request to enter into a service agreement with The Environmental Institute for one (1) Instructor to administer a Lead Worker and Renovation, Repair, and Paint (RRP) course.

Funds are available in the following accounts: Funding: CDBG 221073211/5211119

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APPROVED BY: Procurement
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