

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 21, 2025

TO Honorable Chair and Members of the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee

SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item: November 12, 2025, Agenda Item 25-2786A - The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center – Electrical Upgrades and Generator Addition**

The purpose of this memorandum is to brief the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee (HHSC) that the Office of Bond and Construction Management (BCM) will submit File 25-2786A, for consideration of an award to METCO Engineering, Inc. for a design-build contract for the electrical upgrades and generator addition at The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center on the Consent Agenda for the November 12, 2025, City Council Agenda Meeting. The amount of the design services for this contract is not to exceed \$440,126.00 and is allocated from the 2024 Bond Program.

Background

The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center (The Bridge) opened on May 20, 2008, providing a centralized entry point for unhoused adult males and females to access multiple services at one location through on-site services and co-located agencies. It is the largest and only low barrier emergency shelter in the city. Originally designed to serve 250 individuals each day, The Bridge's average daily guest count is nearly 700.

The City of Dallas has a Management Services Contract (MSC) with Bridge Steps for the operation, programming, and management of The Bridge.

Since 2019, The Bridge has experienced three major power outages that required the relocation of hundreds of guests. With all Dallas shelters at capacity, it is extremely challenging to provide meals and shelter at an alternate location. The need for a gas-powered back-up generator was identified as a top priority in 2021 and added to the Needs Inventory as a candidate for funding in a future bond program.

On May 4, 2024, Dallas voters approved Proposition I of the 2024 General Obligation Bond Program (the "2024 Bond Program"), which provides funding for the planning, design, construction, and improvements of the City's Homeless Assistance Facilities. As part of the Homeless Assistance category, The Bridge was included as a priority project.

METCO Engineering, Inc., was selected following a two-step qualifications-based selection process in accordance with the City of Dallas and State of Texas Procurement guidelines.

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City Council Consideration

This proposed action will authorize a design-build contract with METCO Engineering, Inc. for design and pre-construction services for electrical upgrades and the addition of a generator at The Bridge located at 1818 Corsicana Street.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me or the Director of the Office of Bond and Construction Management, Jenny Nicewander, P.E., at jennifer.nicewander@dallas.gov.

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