



## Legislation Text

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**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** N/A  
**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Procurement Services

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### **SUBJECT**

Casting of lots to identify the recommended vendor resulting from tie bids between Apple Specialties, Inc. and Fortiline, Inc. on Line 48 in response to bid BQ19-00011149 for a three-year master agreement for the purchase of lead-free brass fittings

### **BACKGROUND**

When a request for bids results in identical bids where neither bidder is a resident of the City (or where both are residents), then the City is required to break the tie bids. This is known as the "casting of lots" under Section 271.901 of the Texas Local Government Code. The City breaks the tie by having the Mayor randomly select a sealed envelope containing a bidder's name during a Council meeting. The selected bidder will be the winner of the contract, and the item to award the contract will be presented to Council during a voting agenda meeting.