



APWA / SAME CIP Briefings

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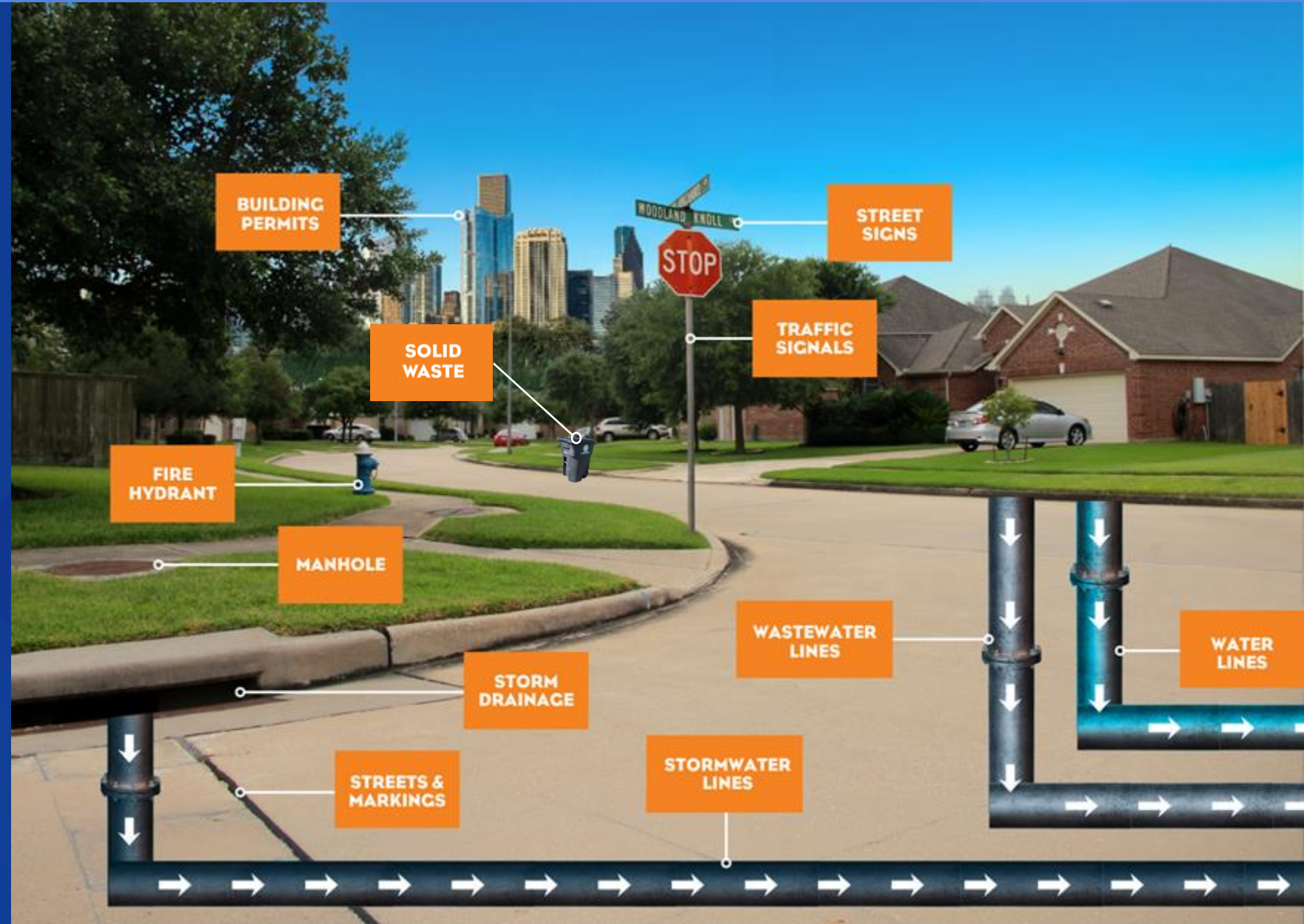
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WHAT WE DO

Houston Public Works provides essential services across streets, drainage, solid waste, water, wastewater, and construction permitting and regulation.



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16,000

Lane Miles of Streets



3,900

Miles of Storm Drains



170B

Gallons of Water
Treated Per Year



2,500+

Traffic Signals



2,900

Miles of Road Ditches



6.2M

Water Bills Sent
Per Year



550+

Types of Permits



\$3.8B

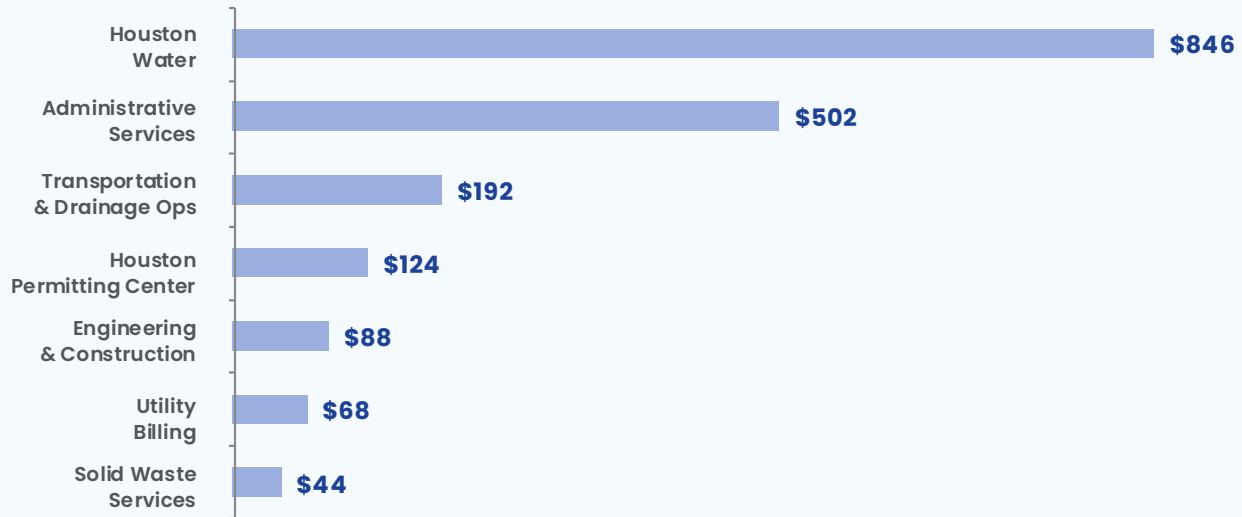
Annual Budget



~5,000

Employees

Program Spending, \$ Millions (Excludes \$1.92B Debt Service & Transfers)



FY27 Highlights: Solid Waste Management joins HPW as a division

- New 5% right-of-way fee on utility revenues paid to the General Fund
- 8% water/sewer rate adjustment per Ordinance 2021-515

FY2027 BUDGET

Houston Public Works | All Funds, All Programs

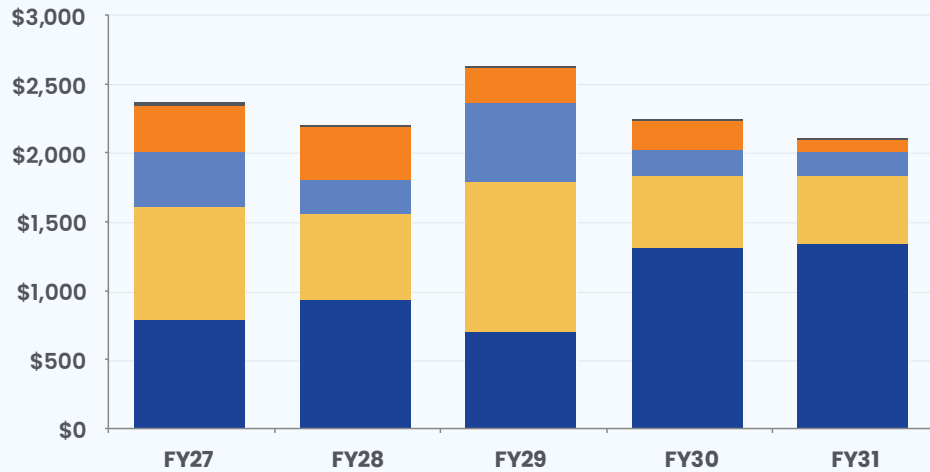
\$3.79B

Total FY27 Expenditures, All Funds

4,492

Full-Time Equivalent Positions

Planned Appropriations by Division, \$ Millions



Signature FY27 Appropriations:

- Surface Water Transmission Division \$252.5M
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements \$211M
- Citywide Street & Traffic Rehabilitation \$150M
- Lift Station Renewal \$147M

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FY2027–2031

Houston Public Works Divisions | Proposed CIP, All Funding Sources

\$11.5B

HPW Five-Year Planned Appropriations

64%

Of the \$18.0B Citywide Proposed CIP

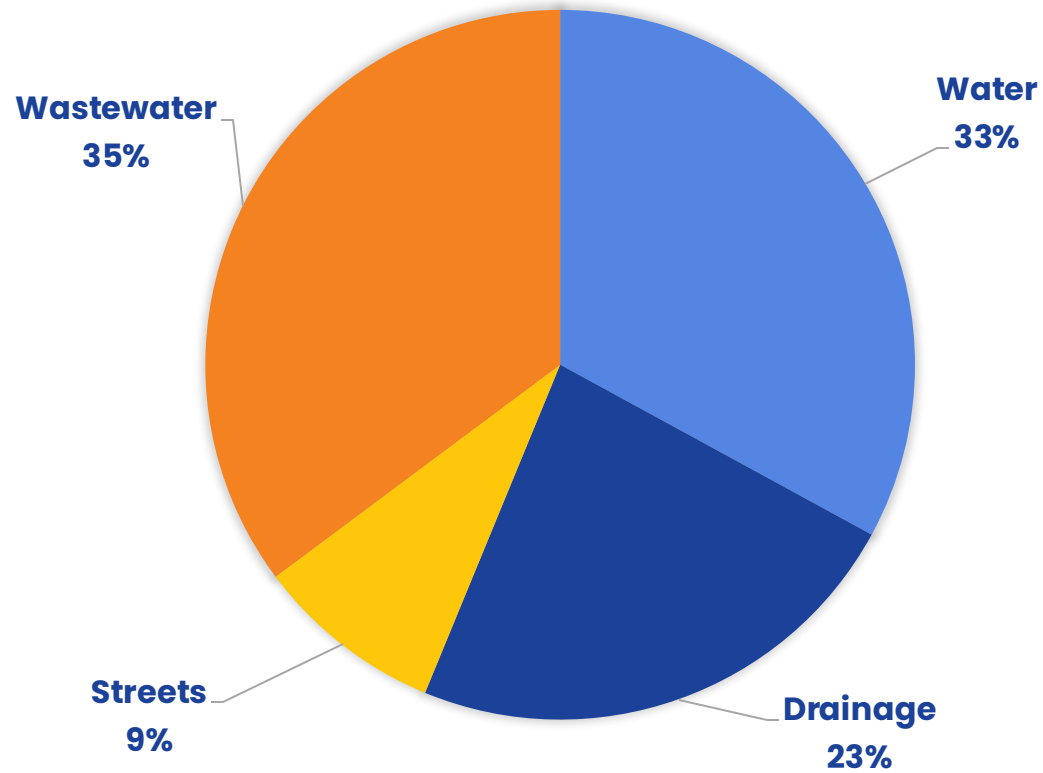
\$5.1B

Water — Largest Single CIP Investment

Source: City of Houston FY2027-2031 Proposed Capital Improvement Plan, Executive Summary (all funding sources)

FY27 CONTRACT FUNDING: WHERE FIRMS CAN PLUG IN

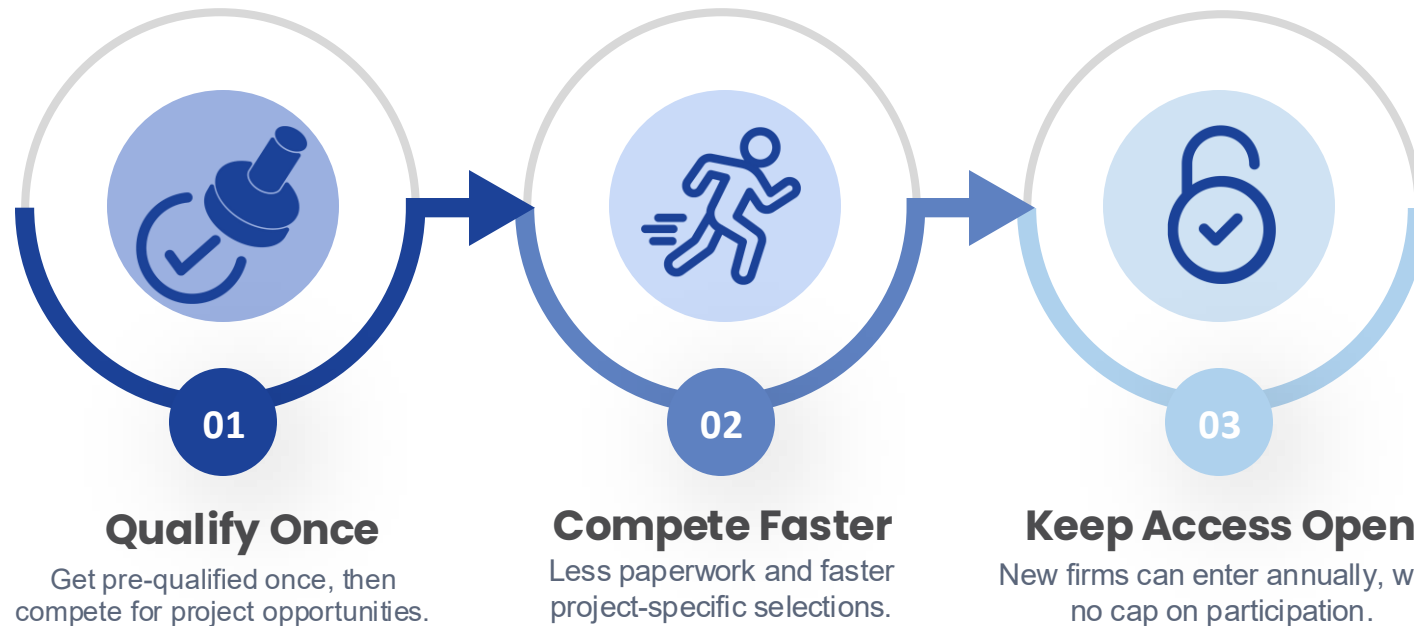
~\$934M in contract funding by project type



Project Type	Funding
Wastewater	\$328.7M
Water	\$307.7M
Drainage	\$217.3M
Streets	\$80.2M

NEW PROCESS: LESS FRONT-END FRICTION MORE PATHWAYS FOR QUALIFIED FIRMS

This plan establishes a two-step process for selecting professional engineering firms for infrastructure projects. The primary objective is to significantly reduce procurement cycle time while maintaining full compliance with state law and ensuring fair, competitive access for qualified firms.



Qualifications remain first: selections continue to be qualifications-based in accordance with Texas law.

We're making it easier for you to prepare, qualify, and compete for projects.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PRE-QUALIFICATION POOL REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

STEP 1 – PRE-QUALIFIED POOL (ANNUAL)

One-time competitive evaluation; results in an approved pool

PUBLISH RFQ

Beacon Bid * Sept-Oct 2026

QUALIFICATION REVIEW

By Category * 30 Days

POOL ESTABLISHED

3 Years

Establish a standing, publicly maintained pool of pre-qualified engineering firms organized by discipline (e.g., civil/transportation, drainage/water, environmental, geotechnical, construction management). Firms may apply to more than one discipline. The pool undergoes a one-time competitive qualification evaluation per cycle. Placement in the Pool is good for three years. The Pre-Qualification RFQ for evaluating new firms in the pools will occur annually. Placement on the roster does not guarantee any contract award.

PRE-QUALIFICATION POOL FORMATION

*SPD-maintained roster of pre-qualified engineering firms by category.
Roster undergoes a comprehensive qualification evaluation once per cycle (fiscal year).
Placement in the Pre-Qualified Pool does not guarantee contract award.*

22 CATEGORIES IN MULTIPLE AREAS:

- Water
- Stormwater
- Structural/Geotechnical
- Traffic Engineering
- Architecture
- Utility Engineering
- Construction
- Surveying
- Environmental

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (SOQ) CRITERIA:

- Categorical Experience & Measurable Outcomes
- Standardized Project Sheets
- Professional Insurance Coverage
- Professional Staff
- Methodology Statements
- Credential and Compliance Documentation
- Reference Verification



PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PRE-QUALIFICATION POOL RFQ

STEP 2 – PROJECT SPECIFIC SELECTION/AWARD

One-time competitive evaluation; results in an approved pool

ISSUE “MINI-RFQ”

Scope, Schedule, Experience

RANK SUBMISSIONS

2 Weeks

CONTRACT AWARD

Fee Negotiation * 30 Days

Upon project identification, conduct a streamlined competition exclusively among firms in the pre-qualified pool in the relevant discipline. Step 2 eliminates the months-long qualification review stage and compresses procurement to approximately six weeks. A simplified project-specific solicitation (Mini-RFQ) shall be distributed to all eligible pre-qualified firms in the relevant discipline category. The response period target shall be distributed to all eligible pre-qualified firms in the relevant discipline category. The response period target is 10 to 14 calendar days.

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