



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6044, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

11/21/2024

Posting Language

Authorize execution of five contracts for water meters and parts for Austin Water with Badger Meter Inc. d/b/a Badger Meter, Core & Main LP d/b/a L&M Supply, Master Meter Inc., Mountain States Pipe & Supply Co., and Mueller Systems LLC d/b/a Mueller Company or Mueller Co. LLC, each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$14,000,000, divided equally among the contractors or the department may choose any contractor that has the available product. Funding: \$2,333,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,333,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

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Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 2200 RBB1004 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on July 8, 2024, and closed on August 8, 2024. Of the six offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=140964.

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 13, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contracts will provide various types and sizes of water meters for Austin Water to install throughout the water distribution system. These meters work with the Advanced Meter Infrastructure system, which is necessary to measure usage and flow within the City's water distribution system to establish revenue billing.

The contracts will replace current contracts, which expire December 31, 2024. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spending. Three of the five vendors are current providers of these goods.

A delay in contract approval could impact Austin water's ability to make repairs and provide new customers with water access.