



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4848, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

7/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for commercial-grade anhydrous ammonia with Shrieve Chemical Company, LLC, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

[Note: 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. However, the recommended contractor identified subcontracting opportunities].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$83,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 TJP1004 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on February 12, 2024, and closed on March 19, 2024. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bid 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=140210.

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:

June 12, 2024 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 8-0 with Commissioners Navarro, Angoori, and Pandurangi absent.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide anhydrous ammonia for Austin Water treatment plants. Anhydrous ammonia is an important part of the disinfection process. It is mixed into chlorinated water to form chloramines, the secondary disinfectant utilized in drinking water treatment. The use of chloramines as secondary disinfectants is required as part of the Austin Water Texas Commission Environmental Quality approved disinfection strategy to limit

the formation of harmful disinfection byproducts. This product complies with National Sanitation Foundation Standard 60 which governs the use of direct additives for treatment of drinking water.

The contract will replace a current contract that will expire August 22, 2024. The requested authorization amount was determined using estimates of increased annual usage and historical spending. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

A delay in contract approval could impact Austin Waters ability to properly treat City drinking water and limit the formation of harmful disinfection byproducts