



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1549, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

5/7/2026

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for production meter evaluation and pitot testing for Austin Water with M.E. Simpson Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. Funding: \$150,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Water.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

Procurement Language:

Austin Financial Services issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 2200 KMF1036 for these services. The solicitation was published on January 18, 2026, and closed on February 24, 2026. 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=143647.

MBE/WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the service 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 Austin Financial Services - 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:

April 15, 2026 - Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 9-0 vote with one absence.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide water production meter evaluations and pitot testing at 34 flow-metering locations to verify meter accuracy and confirm the actual volume of water being introduced into the distribution system. Pitot testing is an effective method for determining and correcting wholesale and production meter accuracy.

These production meters are located throughout the water treatment plants-including below-ground vaults, service pump stations, and large-diameter pipe galleries-many of which have limited personnel access. Assessments will be conducted at the Davis, Ullrich, and Handcox Water Treatment Plants.

This contract is a new contract. The requested authorization amount is based on the bid received for the required services.

If a contract is not approved, the City will be unable to validate the accuracy of its production meters, impacting the City's ability to correct plant production measurements in support of accurately quantifying real water losses in the distribution system.