



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 24-4846, Agenda Item #: 28.**

7/18/2024

### **Posting Language**

Authorize the execution of a contract for sodium bisulfite totes with Kinetic Motorwerks, LLC, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$910,000.

[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].

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Water.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$15,167 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 KMF1023 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on January 15, 2024, and closed on February 27, 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=140175](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=140175).

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto: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 sodium bisulfate, a chemical required to maintain a redundant backup system to Austin Water's primary sulfur dioxide dosing system. In the event the primary sulfur dioxide dosing system is unexpectedly offline, a large quantity of sodium bisulfite will be required to treat untreated wastewater (effluent). The sodium bisulfite solution is necessary to reduce the residual chlorine in treated effluent before

discharging the effluent into the Colorado River. Chlorine reduction is crucial to protect aquatic life and the environment.

This is a new contract; previous contracts were for spot purchases of goods. The requested authorization is based on historical spending and departmental estimates of future needs.

A delay in contract award could impact the City's ability to maintain an adequate backup system in the event that the primary system unexpectedly goes offline.