



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0977, **Agenda Item #:** 48.

6/5/2025

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for filter anthracite for Austin Water with Equerry Corp d/b/a SNR Technologies, for an initial term of three years with up to two one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000. Funding: \$93,333 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Water.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$93,333 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.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 2200 BYS1043 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on February 10, 2025, and closed on March 6, 2025. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. 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=142146.

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:

May 21, 2025 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 8-0 with three vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide anthracite filter material for Austin Water treatment plants. The anthracite filter material will be utilized to remove suspended particulate matter from the water as a part of the treatment process. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality require filtration as part of Austin Water's drinking water treatment process. The product supplied complies with the American Water Works Association Standard B100 and the National Sanitation Foundation Standard 61 for indirect additives.

The contract replaces a contract that expired on January 31, 2025. Requested authorization is based on historical spending and departmental estimates of future needs. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

If this contract is not secured, the water treatment and wastewater treatment plants will be unable to complete maintenance activities to refill or rebuild filters with fresh anthracite as planned. This procurement is essential to ensure operations can perform filtration at each plant, supporting the production of potable drinking water and the treatment of wastewater.