



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-2427, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

12/11/2025

Posting Language

Ratify a contract for assessment and repair of a low-pressure pump for Austin Water with Sulzer Pumps Solutions Inc., for a one-time purchase in the amount of \$1,644,877. Funding: \$1,644,877 was available in the Operating Budget of Austin Water.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

Procurement Language:

Emergency.

MBE/WBE:

This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract provides for the repair of a raw water pump at the Handcox Water Treatment Plant. The work was initiated under emergency conditions because two of the plant's five low service pumps were already inoperable, and a third pump began failing. This left only two pumps operational, creating a potential health and safety risk.

The raw water pump station draws water from Lake Travis to supply the Handcox plant for treatment and production of drinking water. Because this pump operates at a depth of approximately 330 feet, its repair was essential to restoring the station's full capacity. Once repairs are complete, Austin Water will return this critical 15-million-gallon-per-day pump to service. Given the urgent circumstances, an emergency contract was executed.

The requested authorization amount is based on a vendor quote for the pump's assessment and repair services.