



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-5516, **Agenda Item #:** 18.

9/26/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for water protection and industrial waste compliance software with Klir Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$400,000 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:

Sole Source.

MBE/WBE:

Sole source contracts are 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 Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 11, 2024 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote with Chair Turrieta, Commissioner Musgrove and Commissioner Sion absent and two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The legacy on-premises Water Environmental Integrated Recordkeeping System (WEIRS) was developed on ColdFusion technology in the early 2000s and is currently hosted by Communications and Technology Management. The City is expected to stop hosting and supporting legacy ColdFusion technology by mid-2025. The contract will provide a regulatory and compliance software as a service (SaaS) solution for Austin Water Special Divisions programs, including Cross Connection Control/Water, Industrial Waste Control/Pretreatment, Lake Water Protection, Liquid Waste Haulers, Waste Management, and Water Wells. The Klir SaaS will replace the WEIRS and includes strict enforcement tracking capabilities that it did not provide. Additionally, the Klir SaaS provides compliance functions covering both the Industrial Waste (Pretreatment) Program and Water Protection Program.

Klir, Inc. is the sole source provider for Klir software, and the source code is closed. Klir, Inc. manufactures, sells, and supports Klir SaaS, and no other entity is authorized or licensed to do the same.

If this contract is not approved, the department could risk liability with environmental regulations and collection of permit fees, surcharges, and backflow devices fees.