



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1280, **Agenda Item #:** 78.

7/24/2025

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a cooperative contract for water delivery services for all City departments with Omnia for an initial term of one year with up to four 1-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$680,000. Funding: \$34,000 is available in various City department Operating Budgets, funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

All City Departments.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$34,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of various City Departments.

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Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods and services. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the departments to provide these goods and services required at the best value for the City.

MBE/WBE:

Cooperative Agreement 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.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide City departments with delivered water services, including 5-gallon bottles of water, cups, and rental of dispensers. Drinking water in City facilities is provides for an essential need for City employees on job sites, in the event of an emergency, and to provide patient care services.

This contract will replace a contract that expires May 21, 2028. Although the current contract still has time, there is insufficient authority remaining due to higher than anticipated usage. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend and anticipated future usage.

Omnia is a cooperative purchasing association recognized under Texas procurement statutes. Cooperative associations, themselves or using a lead government, competitively solicit and award contracts that are eligible

for use by other qualified state and local governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.