



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2199, **Agenda Item #:** 41.

8/27/2026

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for water and wastewater treatment instrumentation, analyzers, gas detection equipment, and valves/actuators, including installation, calibration, commissioning, and related technical services, for Austin Water with Vector Controls LLC d/b/a Vector Controls and Automation Group, for an initial two years with up to three one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. Funding: \$50,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

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Procurement 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 Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 19, 2026 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide the City with critical water and wastewater facility parts, equipment, and technical services necessary to support operational reliability, regulatory compliance, and worker safety at Austin Water facilities. This agreement is essential to ensure continued and timely access to specialized items such as flow and level transmitters, analytical sensors, fixed gas detection systems, valves, actuators, and original equipment manufacturer (OEM) replacement components.

This is a new contract. The requested authorization was determined using departmental estimates based on

anticipated future usage. Vector Controls and Automation Group is the sole authorized distributor and service provider for several key equipment lines in Texas, including Av-Tek, Draeger, Endress+Hauser and Kurz, that are essential to Austin Water's operations. No other vendor is authorized to supply OEM parts or provide certified support.

A delay in contract approval could impact the City's procurement timelines and cause limited access to manufacturer-authorized parts and support, and impact operational reliability, and public safety.

Contract Details:		
Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	2 years	\$600,000
Optional Extension 1	1 year	\$300,000
Optional Extension 2	1 year	\$300,000
Optional Extension 3	1 year	\$300,000
Total	5 years	\$1,500,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.