



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6035, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

11/21/2024

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for progressive cavity pump parts and accessories for Austin Water with Liberty Process Equipment, Inc., for an initial term of three years with up to two one-year extension options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$580,000. Funding: \$88,611 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.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$88,611 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

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Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 2200 TJP1005 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on March 8, 2024, and closed on April 11, 2024. Of the four 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=140414.

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:

November 13, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide the City with Robbins and Myers Progressive Cavity Pumps parts and accessories. The progressive cavity pumps process the sludge in the water and wastewater treatment plants and require original equipment manufacturer parts to maintain warranty and efficiency.

The requested authorization amount for this contract was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend, along with a small annual increase to account for additional pump repairs due to aging equipment. This contract will replace a current contract that will expire June 7, 2025. The recommended contractor is not the current provider for these goods.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, proper maintenance and unscheduled repairs would not be accomplished, risking pump failures affecting the timely processing of the sludge, impacting the City's wastewater treatment, and creating a stockpile potentially contaminating the soil.