

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	25600	<b>Agenda Number</b>	26.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	August 8, 2013
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<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing
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**Subject**

Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply agreement with BRENNTAG SOUTHWEST, INC., for the supply of liquid alum for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$48,408, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$24,204, per extension option for a total contract amount not to exceed \$96,816.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$4,034 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining twenty-two months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Lowest bid received.
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<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
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<b>For More Information:</b>	Steve Aden, Purchasing Manager, 972-4040
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	July 10, 2013 – Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote.
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<b>Related Items:</b>	
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<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.
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**Additional Backup Information**

This contract will provide liquid alum for the Austin Water Utility at the Harris Branch and Wild Horse Wastewater Treatment Plants. The alum is used to precipitate the phosphates out of the wastewater which is required by Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TCEQ) to meet the requirements for discharge permit.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**

IFB No. STA1079

LIQUID ALUM

(40,000 gallons)

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT PRICE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
Brenntag Southwest, Inc. Houston, TX	\$0.6051	\$24,204
General Chemical Performance Products, LLC Parsippany, NJ	\$0.9693	\$38,772
GEO Specialty Chemicals, Inc. Little Rock, AR	\$1.2052	\$48,208

**NOTE:** Complete copy of the bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Eighty-two notices were sent, including two WBE firms. There were no MBE firms listed under this commodity. Three bids were received, with no MBE/WBE firms responding.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 78% decrease from the last purchase made in October 2008.
- d. Brenntag Southwest, Inc. is not the current provider.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.