

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	25692	Agenda Number	29.
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Meeting Date:	August 8, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with C.C. LYNCH & ASSOCIATES, INC., for replacement equipment and captive repair parts for the Watershed Protection Department's Water Quality Monitoring system, with one 12-month extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012- 2013 Capital Budget of Watershed Protection. Funding for the remaining 32 months is contingent upon future budget.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is required.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.
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Prior Council Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	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 contract.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract will allow the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) to replace aging equipment in its Water Quality Monitoring System. The City has operated a storm water monitoring program for almost 30 years, employing various types of flow meters from different manufacturers. The City currently operates approximately 35 monitoring sites which include 60 flow meters. The last major purchase of flow meters was in 1999 to meet Y2K compliance. Many of the flow meters are beyond their recommended life and repair costs are continuing to increase. Additionally some of the communication technology in the existing flow meters will become obsolete within 18 months.

The Water Quality Monitoring Program has collected data to support the development of the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance and Watershed Protection Ordinance, and environmental design criteria. These data are also used to calibrate models which in some cases are required by the City's TPDES municipal separate storm sewer system discharge permit administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Over time, WPD has standardized on ISCO/Teledyne product because its capabilities surpass that of any other manufacturer, even to date. Many of the processes developed by WPD to manage and store storm water data are specifically based on the use Teledyne ISCO equipment. Recreating these processes for different types or manufacturers of equipment would result in a significant loss of productivity and multi-year delays in delivering useful data to internal and external customers. Additionally, equipment from other manufacturers would not be compatible with WPD's existing equipment, software databases, and processes. C.C. Lynch is the sole authorized supplier of Teledyne ISCO equipment in Texas.