

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	38103	Agenda Number	69.
Meeting Date:	December 11, 2014			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award and execution 24-month sole source requirements supply contract with A.W. CHESTERTON TEXAS, for the supply of SXCF grease to lubricate rollers and seals for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$130,964, with two 24-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$130,964 per extension option for a total contact amount not to exceed \$392,892.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$49,112 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 15-months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	Sole source.			
Prior Council Action:	[REDACTED]			
For More Information:	Steve Aden, Purchasing Manager, 512-972-0047			
Boards and Commission Action:	November 12, 2014 – Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on 6-0 vote.			
Related Items:	[REDACTED]			
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 solicitation.			

Additional Backup Information

This contract with A. W. Chesterton Texas is for the supply of food grade grease for the Austin Water Utility (AWU). The grease is the lubricant used in bearings which are located underwater in the flocculation basin. The grease serves as both a lubricant for the rollers and seals.

To discover the cause of extensive damage experienced by the floc bearing and floc shafts, AWU staff contacted Malcom Pimie Engineering and Craft Bearing, the manufacturer of the bearings and shafts, and it was determined that the damage was being caused by the velocity of the water moving through the basin and the grease that was being used. After testing several products, both firms recommended that using Chesterton 630 SXCF grease gives AWU the best chance at reducing damage to the equipment. A.W. Chesterton Global Solutions is the sole manufacturer of this product and A.W. Chesterton Texas is the sole distributor in the State of Texas.