



**Recommendation for
Water & Wastewater Commission**

Commission Meeting Date:	November 9, 2016
Council Meeting Date:	December 15, 2016
Department:	Purchasing
SUBJECT	
Authorize award and execution of a contract with SEEPEX, INC. , to provide cavity pumps and pressure sensors, in an amount not to exceed \$148,096.	
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING	
Funding in the amount of \$148,096 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Water.	
Purchasing Language:	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) JXP0113REBID for these goods on October 17, 2016 and it closed on November 1, 2016 with three offers received. The recommended offer is the lowest offer submitted by a responsive offeror. Additional information on the solicitation is included below the line.
Prior Council Action:	N/A
For More Information:	Shawn Willet, 512-974-2021; Ken Lockard, 512-972-1953
Boards and Commission Action:	November 9, 2016- To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
MBE/WBE:	This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

The contract will provide pumps needed to pump treated sludge from digester treatment complexes, where anaerobic digestion occurs, to the dewatering building, where sludge volume is reduced by dewatering. This is an important and necessary part of the City's wastewater treatment process, enabling Austin Water (AW) to pump sludge effectively and efficiently.

The pumps will replace existing pumps which are over 25 years old and are no longer compatible with other new equipment. The new pumps will allow for interchangeability of parts with other onsite equipment, resulting in reduced costs for service, parts inventory, and down time.

If the City is unable to secure a contract for the purchase of these pumps, AW will not have a way to move sludge from digester complexes to the dewatering building. This will cause process disruptions, leading to fines from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Environmental Protection Agency for failure to meet requirements in current City permits. This could also cause an inability to treat waste sludge at Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

BID TABULATION

IFB JXP0113

Progressive Cavity Pumps and Pressure Sensors
3 line items

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Seepex, Inc.	\$148,096.00
Technology International, Inc.	*
Netzsch Pumps North America LLC	*

* Deemed Non-Responsive – Did not meet the specification requirements of the solicitation.

A complete solicitation package, including a bid tabulation, is on file in the City's Purchasing Office and is available on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#)