

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: March 1, 2018

Item Number: **010**

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Polydyne, Inc., to provide liquid emulsion flocculating polymer for up to five years, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,479,130. (Note: 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 no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

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| Lead Department | Purchasing Office. |
| Fiscal Note | Funding in the amount of \$289,232 available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets. |
| Purchasing Language | The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 GLB0066 for these goods. The solicitation issued on December 4, 2017 and it closed on December 21, 2017. Of the two 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 Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: Solicitation Documents <https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=121168> . |
| For More Information | Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov < mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov > NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized |

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| | Contact Persons: Georgia Billela, at 512-974-2939 or Georgia.Billela@austintexas.gov or Matthew Duree, at 512-974-6346 or Matt.Duree@austintexas.gov . |
| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action | February 14, 2018 - Unanimously recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioner's Kellough and Turrieta absent. |
| Client Department(s) | Austin Water. |

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide the supply of liquid emulsion flocculating polymer to aid in wastewater settling. The polymer is used to coagulate suspended solids and aid the settling of wastewater prior to filtration and after final clarification. It increases the efficiency of settling, clarification, and filtration and centrifugation operations. The City treats over 90 million gallons a day of wastewater at two plants, South Austin Regional and Walnut Creek. The polymer does not contain substances that are inhibitory or toxic to the bacteria characteristic of the wastewater treatment process.

The previous contract expired on August 31, 2017. A large order was placed by Austin Water to cover their polymer needs prior to the contract expiring. The requested authorization amount was determined using historical spending and estimates of annual pumpage, factoring in increased needs for wastewater treatment.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the efficiency of filtration of wastewater could potentially be affected, creating potential regulatory problems at the two wastewater treatment plants.

Contract Detail

| | Contract Term | Contract Authorization |
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| Initial Term | 2 yrs. | \$ 991,655 |
| Optional Extension 1 | 1 yr. | \$ 495,825 |
| Optional Extension 2 | 1 yr. | \$ 495,825 |
| Optional Extension 3 | 1 yr. | \$ 495,825 |
| TOTAL | 5 yrs. | \$2,479,130 |

