



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2572, **Agenda Item #:** 55.

9/19/2019

Posting Language

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Austin White Lime Company, to provide quicklime, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.

(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).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$333,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract terms are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 GLB1019 for these goods. The solicitation issued on May 13, 2019 and it closed on June 6, 2019. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the only 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/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130251)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=130251>.

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 Contact Person: Osiris Valdez, at 512-974-2965 or Osiris.Valdez@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Osiris.Valdez@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 14, 2019 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 10-0 vote, with Commissioner Parton absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide quicklime for Austin Water treatment plants, which is used to reduce the mineral content of hard water through the lime softening process. Lime softening makes the water more palatable for

drinking while decreasing the amount of soap required to produce a lather and reducing the amount of minerals depositing (as scale) on household plumbing, distribution lines, and industrial equipment. Another benefit of the softened finished water is that there is less potential for corrosion in distribution piping. The product offered complies with the American Water Works Association Standard B202, which is the standard for quicklime used in the treatment of drinking water. It also meets the National Sanitation Foundation Standard 60 which governs the use of direct additives for the treatment of drinking water.

This contract will replace a current contract which expires October 16, 2019. The requested authorization amount was determined using estimates of increased annual usage and historical spending. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

Contract Detail:

| <u>Contract Term</u> | <u>Length of Term</u> | <u>Contract Authorization</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Initial Term | 2 yrs. | \$ 8,000,000 |
| Optional Extension 1 | 1 yr. | \$ 4,000,000 |
| Optional Extension 2 | 1 yr. | \$ 4,000,000 |
| Optional Extension 3 | 1 yr. | \$ 4,000,000 |
| TOTAL | 5 yrs. | \$20,000,000 |

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.