



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1960, **Agenda Item #:** 10.

6/4/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Environmental Improvements Inc., to provide a settling basin rake gearbox replacement, in an amount not to exceed \$124,225.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 6, 2020 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Fisher and Williams absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase and installation of a new gearbox for the wash water settling basin at Ullrich Water Treatment Plant. The water treatment process consists of having backwash water go to a settling basin to allow the material in the water to settle at the bottom of the basin so that it can be removed. The settled material is continuously raked from the basin by submerged scrapers. The scrapers are driven by an electric motor and gearbox that must continually operate for the basin to be in service.

The existing gearbox has reached the end of its life cycle making the replacement necessary to ensure proper functionality of the system. The gearbox was provided by a single manufacturer, EVOQUA (Envirex) through their local representative Environmental Improvements Inc. The new gearbox components must be replaced with original equipment manufacturer's parts to be compatible with the mixer system support structure and mixing impeller assembly. Replacing the gearbox drive is significantly less expensive than replacing the entire mixer system.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.