



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-1013, Agenda Item #: 9.**

**2/3/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award of a contract with Polydyne Inc. to provide cationic polymer for a term of five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,739,200.

(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**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Water.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$410,880 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 WJT1009 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on August 16, 2021, and it closed on September 23, 2021. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bid received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=135604](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135604).

### **For More Information:**

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Persons: Sandy Wirtanen, at 512-974-7711 or [sandy.wirtanen@ustintexas.gov](mailto:sandy.wirtanen@ustintexas.gov) or Billy Toler, at 512-974-2054 or [William.toler@ustintexas.gov](mailto:William.toler@ustintexas.gov).

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

January 12, 2022 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Atallah and Williams absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Austin Water treats raw lake water to produce drinking water that meets and exceeds state and federal water

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regulation standards. A fundamental objective of drinking water treatment is the removal of suspended solids through the coagulation process. Cationic polymer will be used daily by Austin Water to aid the coagulation treatment process, providing additional charge neutralization of suspended solids. The polymer will also enhance treatment of highly turbid raw water during flood events such that Austin Water can maintain plant production and continuously provide high quality treated water to the customers.

This is a new contract. The requested amounts were determined by departmental estimates using historical, current, and projected spending data. The recommended contractor is not the current provider of these goods.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.