



**Water & Wastewater Commission
Review and Recommendation**

Commission Meeting Date:	March 9, 2022	COA Strategic Direction:	Health and Environment
Council Meeting Date:	March 24, 2022		
Department:	Financial Services Department		
Client:	Rick Coronado		
Agenda Item			
Recommend approval to award a contract with Chemrite, Inc. to provide liquid sodium permanganate, for a term of five years in the amount not to exceed \$4,109,500.			
Amount and Source of Funding			
Funding in the amount of \$2,465,700 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 WJT1010 for these goods. The solicitation issued was on October 25, 2021 and it closed on November 16, 2021. 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 .		
Prior Council Action:	N/A		
Boards and Commission Action:	March 9, 2022 – 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.		

Sodium permanganate is commonly used in water treatment to control taste and odor, reduce biological growth, and remove iron and manganese. Austin Water plans to incorporate sodium permanganate into the treatment process to combat taste and odor causing compounds and potential cyanotoxins that can occur intermittently in the source water. This additional capability will further bolster the existing multi-barrier process, which includes disinfection, coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, and filtration.

This is a new contract. The requested amounts were determined by departmental estimates using historical, current, and projected spending data.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a) **Solicitations:** 85 notices were sent, including 2 MBE and 2 WBE firms with no M/WBE firms responding.
- b) **Cost Analysis:** The proposed contract pricing is consistent with a 5.55% decrease represented in the market.