



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1411, Agenda Item #: 25.

3/24/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with Chemrite, Inc. to provide liquid sodium permanganate, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$4,109,500.

(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 \$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](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135892)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135892>.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 9, 2022 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Turrieta off the dais and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.