



**Water & Wastewater Commission  
Review and Recommendation**

<b>Commission Meeting Date:</b>	April 13, 2022	<b>COA Strategic Direction:</b>	Safety
<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	May 5, 2022		
<b>Department:</b>	Financial Services Department		
<b>Client:</b>	Rick Coronado		
<b>Agenda Item</b>			
Ratify a contract with Texas Excavation Safety System Inc. to provide utility location services, in the amount of \$105,854.			
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>			
Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Water.			
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Ratification		
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	N/A		
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	April 13, 2022 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.		
<b>MBE/WBE:</b>	This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.		

The contract with Texas Excavation Safety System Inc. is required by the State of Texas Utilities Code, Title 5, Chapter 251 and requires the City contact Texas Excavation Safety System Inc. before digging can start in order to locate and mark pipe locations in right of ways for entities that will be excavated.

The increase in usage is due to surges in average monthly tickets and cost per ticket increases from \$0.26 to \$0.50. Additionally, pipe breaks and damages sustained during Winter Storm Uri, the increase in construction within the growing city, and switching water meters from the standard meters over to the new water meters contributed to the overspend of the contract.