



**Posting Language**

Recommend approval to award a contract with RPM Services, Inc. for centrifuge repair services for a term of five years, in the amount not to exceed \$2,625,000.

**MBE/WBE**

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

**Lead Department**

Financial Services Department

**Client Department**

Austin Water Interim Assistant Director of Operations, Mercedes Lopez-Garcia

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$306,250 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language**

Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 WJT1021 for these services. The solicitation issued on August 29, 2022 and it closed on October 6, 2022. Of the three 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](#).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action**

March 8, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission

**Additional Backup Information**

The contract will provide repair services for centrifuges used in the water treatment process at Austin Water's Ullrich, Davis, and Handcox Water Treatment Plants. Centrifuges have been used in the City's water treatment process for over 30 years to dewater the sludge byproduct produced by the lime softening process in water treatment. The centrifuges are part of the solids handling system, which is an integral part of the overall treatment process. The functionality of the centrifuges is critical to the upstream processes and minimizes the number of truckloads of material transported to the City's approved disposal sites. Ullrich and Davis Water Treatment Plants have four centrifuges each, and Handcox Water Treatment Plant has two. The contractor will pick up the unit from the plant and take it to its facility for repair. After repairs are completed, the unit is tested, returned, and placed into service as needed. The new provider is not the current contractor for these services.

The requested amounts were determined by departmental estimates using historical, current, and projected spending data.

The contract for these services replaces a contract which expired in June of 2022. This service has not been provided since the expiration of the previous contract. If the City is unable to secure a contract for these services, the City will not have a reliable source for these services, which may result in higher prices and adversely impact or delay the water treatment process.

**Strategic Outcome(s)**

Health and Environment

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a) Solicitations: 87 notices were sent, including 3 MBE and 0 WBE firms with no M/WBE firms responding.
- b) Cost Analysis: The proposed contract pricing is 22.18% less on like items than the previous contract in 2016 with one BLS metric at a 14.71% increase on overall items.