

**Posting Language**

Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for water loss program review, analysis, and optimization with Black & Veatch Corporation, for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

**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 no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

**Lead Department**

Financial Services Department

**Client Department**

Austin Water Interim Assistant Director of Engineering Services, Matt Cullen

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Water

**Purchasing Language**

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 2200 BJT3001 for these services. The solicitation issued on October 10, 2022 and closed on November 8, 2022. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services, website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Document](#).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action**

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

**Additional Backup Information**

The contract is for a water loss program review and analysis of the control strategies and loss metrics within Austin Water. Over the last several years, Austin Water's Infrastructure Leakage Index have fluctuated and trended upwards without a clear cause for the fluctuation or increase. Reducing water loss is a key component to Austin Water meeting the water supply demands identified in Water Forward.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Black & Veatch Corporation as the best to provide these services based on system concept and solutions and demonstrated applicable experience and personnel qualifications.



**Item 4**  
**# 23-1268**

**Water & Wastewater Commission: March 8, 2023**  
**Council: March 9, 2023**

This is a new contract. The requested authorization amount for this contract was determined using departmental estimates to provide water loss program review, analysis, and optimization.

This request allows for the development of a contract with a qualified offeror selected by Council. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that another qualified offeror may be selected, authorizing new contract negotiations.

**Strategic Outcome(s)**

Health and Environment, Government that Works for All

**Solicitations:** 509 notices were sent, including 25 MBE and 16 WBE firms with no M/WBE firms responding.