Posting Language
Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for parts and repair services for the process air blower, with Howden USA Company for a total amount not to exceed $150,000.

MBE/WBE
Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); 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 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Water

Purchasing Language
Sole Source

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action
March 8, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission

Additional Backup Information
The contract will provide parts and repairs for the process air blower to be used at the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility. This contract addresses the facility's ability to maintain equipment that provides air to microorganisms needed for pathogen removal in the wastewater treatment process. This blower has been in use since 1979 and was re-built in the early 2000s and remains useful due to regular preventative maintenance and prompt scheduled reactive maintenance. Purchase of a new blower requires additional cost associated with equipment, engineering, and installation services.

The contractor is the only vendor that manufactures and stocks original equipment manufacturer parts for this equipment. The parts and repairs have not been solicited previously due to the contractor being the only authorized dealer.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, delays in repairs will reduce the effectiveness of the blower system and may jeopardize public health and safety.

Strategic Outcome(s)
Health and Safety

PRICE ANALYSIS

a) Cost Analysis: The proposed contract is for a new commodity and is consistent with those represented in the market. The market over the last 3 years shows a 22.28% increase.