

Posting Language

Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for parts and services to recondition a 72-inch screw pump with EWT Holdings III Corp. d/b/a Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

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 in the amount of \$125,000 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 the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant with original equipment manufacturer parts and service from Evoqua Water Technologies, who is the sole source contractor for the return activated sludge pumps. The reconditioning will address wear on the pump that has occurred over the last 25 years of service. The parts and reconditioning services are critical for the proper function and life of the pump and will return the internal lift screw pump to a fully operational condition. Return activated sludge pumps run continuously so microorganisms can consume and break down organic waste in the treatment process.

The contractor is the only contractor 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, there would be major negative effects to the wastewater treatment process which may jeopardize public health and possible permit violations.

Strategic Outcome(s)

Health and Environment, Safety

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a) Cost Analysis: The proposed contract pricing is consistent with a 23% increase represented in the market over the last 3 years.