



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-1259, **Agenda Item #:** 8.

3/23/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize execution of a contract for centrifuge maintenance services with RPM Services, Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$2,625,000.

[Note: 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(s)**

Austin Water.

### **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:**

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 WJT1021 for these services. The solicitation was issued on August 29, 2022, and closed on October 6, 2022. Of the four 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](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=137356)

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### **For More Information:**

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: William Toler, at 512-974-2054 or [William.toler@austintexas.gov](mailto:William.toler@austintexas.gov)

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

March 8, 2023 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 9-0 vote with one absence and one vacancy.

### **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

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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.

This contract 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.