



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1264, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

3/23/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for liquid ammonium sulfate with Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

[Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no 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 \$175,000 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 WJT1022 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on September 12, 2022, and closed on October 6, 2022. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bid 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=137480>](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=137480).

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>>.

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 liquid ammonium sulfate to be used at Austin Water's Handcox Water Treatment Plant for the treatment of potable water. In the distribution system, liquid ammonium sulfate is used in the disinfection process to form a chloramine residual. The contractor will be responsible for providing liquid ammonium sulfate in accordance with the American Water Works Association standards for use in municipal water supplies.

This contract will replace a contract which expired on March 7, 2023. The recommended contractor is not the current provider for these goods. The requested amounts were determined by departmental estimates using historical, current, and projected spending data.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the City will be unable to disinfect the water and could potentially impact the City's ability to provide drinking water to the citizens of Austin.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.