



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1269, **Agenda Item #:** 10.

3/23/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of 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.

[Note: 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(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

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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 parts and repairs for the process air blower to be used at the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility. This purchase addresses the City's ability to maintain air for microorganisms needed for pathogen removal in the wastewater treatment process. This blower has been in use since 1979 and was rebuilt in the early 2000s. The blower remains useful due to regular preventative maintenance and prompt scheduled reactive maintenance. The purchase of a new blower would require additional costs associated with engineering and installation.

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, delays in repairs will reduce the effectiveness of the blower system and may jeopardize public health and safety.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Safety.