



Recommendation for Action

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3/23/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of two contracts for sodium hypochlorite with DPC Industries, Inc., and PVS Minibulk, Inc., each for a term of five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,500,000, divided between the contractors.

[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 an insufficient number of certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

All City Departments.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,808,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of various City departments. 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) 5000 AMA1081 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on November 7, 2022, and closed on November 29, 2022. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. 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=137728)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=137728>.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide sodium hypochlorite to be used at City facilities. Sodium hypochlorite is a compound that is added to water at treatment facilities as part of a disinfecting process and is used to control the filament bacteria in water purification. Wastewater disinfection is one of the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality wastewater discharge permit. It is also used to control odors during the treatment of water.

If the City is unable to secure these contracts, the efficiency of disinfecting the water could potentially be affected, which could exceed regulatory limit at the facilities. Current estimates are based on consecutive price increases and high price fluctuations in the market. The increased authorization will allow for the contracts to grow with the market.

The current contracts expire April 26, 2023. The recommended contractors are the current providers for these goods.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.