

Posting Language

Recommend approval to execute a contract for liquid chlorine with DPC Industries, Inc and DXI Industries Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$19,000,000.

MBE/WBE

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

Austin Water Interim Assistant Director of Operations, Mercedes Garcia-Lopez

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,266,667 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 RGW1010REBID for these goods. The solicitation issued on December 27, 2022, and it closed on February 07, 2023. 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](#).

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action

May 10, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide liquefied chlorine gas to be used at water and wastewater treatment plants owned by Austin Water. Chlorination is an essential step in the production of safe drinking water. Chlorine is also added to wastewater and reclaimed water to kill pathogenic microorganisms. The product complies with the American Water Works Association Standard B301-18 and National Sanitation Foundation Standard 60, which governs additives for the treatment of drinking water.

This contract will replace a contract which expires April 28, 2024. The current contract spend has been rapid, due to worldwide supply issues. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates, historical spend, and forecasted usage for water treatment. The recommended contractors are the current providers for these goods.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the City will not have a reliable and continuous source for liquefied chlorine gas. In addition, the City will be forced to procure these goods on an as needed basis, which may result in higher prices and additional operational costs.