

Posting Language

Ratify a contract to provide quicklime with Lhoist North America of Texas, LLC, in the amount of \$4,060,918.

MBE/WBE

This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Client Department

Austin Water Assistant Director of Financial Services, Joseph Gonzales

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budgets of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language

Ratification

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action

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

Additional Backup Information

On September 7, 2022, Austin Water (AW) issued an Emergency Purchasing Declaration after the contracted supplier for quicklime experienced feeder system issues in their large kiln. The equipment issues caused the supplier to shut down production and drastically affected the supply to AW treatment plants. The contracted supplier attempted two temporary repairs to fix the feeder system, but the repairs did not improve performance as hoped. Additionally, their two smaller kilns were also down for maintenance repairs.

Quicklime is a critical chemical that is required to soften and adjust the pH level of raw water as part of the water treatment process. To avoid an interruption to the drinking water supply for the City, AW sought an emergency purchase from an alternative supplier for quicklime that met required specifications. These contracts provided an alternative quicklime supply utilized by AW treatment plants. The quicklime purchased supported all three water treatment plants.