



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1758, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

6/1/2023

Posting Language

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

[Note: 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(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or [512-974-2500](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov).

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 its 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 smaller kilns were 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. This contract provided an alternative quicklime supply utilized by AW treatment plants. The quicklime purchased supported all three water treatment plants.