



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1804, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

6/1/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for liquid phosphate with Condly Holdings LLC d/b/a Carus LLC, for five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,800,000.

[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 no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$386,667 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 AMA1086 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on January 16, 2023, and closed on February 7, 2023. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. 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=138260)
<https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138260>.

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. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 10, 2023 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote, with five vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide liquid phosphate for Austin Water Treatment Plants. Liquid phosphate is used in the treatment of drinking water at the water treatment plants to reduce the amount of scale formed in the distribution system lines. If the water treatment plants do not add liquid phosphate during the treatment

process, there would be a significant amount of additional scale build-up over time.

The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend, future usage, and projected market fluctuations. The current contract's authorization is depleting faster than expected so to ensure there is not a lapse in supply, the request for a replacement contract is being brought forward at this time.